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Hey guys fyi phdr will be Shooting this event tonight as party of our show series called the common community. The show focuses on politics of Brooklyn. With the aim of informing our residents that your elected officials from city Hall on down are working for you. Stay tuned for air dates.

Thanks,
Mark Duke

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**Monthly meeting:
Tomorrow night
with guest speakers Jo Anne Simon,
NY State Assemblymember (A.D. 52),
and David Caicedo**

Prospect Heights Democrats for Reform will have our monthly meeting tomorrow. Our first speaker, David Caicedo, was a volunteer coordinator for Jesus "Chuy" Garcia's campaign in the recent mayoral runoff in Chicago, which took 44.3% of the vote to the incumbent's 55.7%.

We will also be covering:

1. 421a tax exemption and rent stabilization laws

2. The possibility of a club-led info session on Hillary Clinton
3. Our position on the Small Business Jobs Survival Act (SBJSA)
4. Update on the local movement against standardized testing
5. And, if she is let out of session early enough, Jo Anne Simon's talk

Come share with us what you've seen in your neighborhood. Let us know your agenda items.

Details:

PHDR Monthly Meeting
Thursday 4/23
585 Vanderbilt Ave., 3rd Floor
Brooklyn 11238 (between Dean & Bergen Sts.)

8 to 10 pm

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The Sunday reading of Georgia Douglas Johnson's 1930 anti-lynching play, *Blue-eyed Black Boy*, by the Colloquy Collective and the conversation afterwards at JACK performance space was well-attended with Collective's Artistic Director Courtney Harge leading the charge.



From left: Actors Lauren Lattimore, Wi-Moto Nyoka, Serge Salisbury, and actor and Colloquy Collective artistic director Courtney Harge.



Play readers listen as audience and community members respond to the work.
From left: Salisbury and Harge. Against far wall in shadow: JACK founder Alec Duffy.
Photos by Akiko Ichikawa.

This collaboration between JACK and Colloquy Collective was recently featured on NPR's *Morning Edition*! <http://n.pr/1J07p7d>

To help fund the project: <http://www.rockethub.com/54394>

The next play in the series will be read Sunday, May 17: Douglas Johnson's *Safe* (1929) followed by a discussion with Prof. Koritha Mitchell of Ohio State University, a scholar who was consulted on this series.

JACK | 505 ½ Waverly Ave. between Fulton St. & Atlantic Ave.,
Clinton Hill, Brooklyn (C or G train to Clinton-Washington)
jackny.org

Regards,



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Hi Ishanee,

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Thanks,
Merideth

From: John Surico [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2015 12:58 PM
To: Weber, Merideth (SBS)
Subject: Re: Request for Comment - Commercial Rent Policy - Surico/GG

Thanks for this, Merideth. Just to note: if there is any sort of comment as to whether or not the mayor supports the SBJSA?

On Wed, Jun 17, 2015 at 11:56 AM, Weber, Merideth (SBS) <mweber@sbs.nyc.gov> wrote:
Hi John,

Below is a statement. You can attribute to me.

SBS understands that small businesses across the city face many pressures, which is why we are committed to providing services that help them compete in an ever-changing marketplace. Free services are available through the City's seven NYC Business Solutions Centers and online resources, including pro-bono legal services to help negotiate and review leases, free business courses, access to capital, incentives, and more. Through Small Business First, we are also working across agencies to improve the City's regulatory environment and

reduce the burden on small businesses. We are working to roll out additional programs that span the range of supports we can provide including education, assistance, and tools that can help businesses avoid pitfalls in leases, and make the retail market more transparent.

Thanks!
Merideth

From: John Surico [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2015 11:15 AM

To: Weber, Merideth (SBS)
Subject: Re: Request for Comment - Commercial Rent Policy - Surico/GG

Thanks, Merideth! Working with a Wednesday deadline. Let me know.

On Monday, June 15, 2015, Weber, Merideth (SBS) <mweber@sbs.nyc.gov> wrote:
Hi John,

I will be in touch. When is your deadline?

Thanks!
Merideth

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To: Weber, Merideth (SBS)
Subject: Re: Request for Comment - Commercial Rent Policy - Surico/GG

Hey Merideth,

Just following up on this! Let me know.

Best,
J

On Fri, Jun 12, 2015 at 12:14 PM, John Surico < [REDACTED] > wrote:
Hey Merideth,

My name is John Surico, writing for *Gotham Gazette*. I'm doing a story right now about commercial rent policy, and how it seems to be lost in the discussion up in Albany. Right now, all the talk is about residential rent policy, but we rarely hear about how small businesses are able to fend themselves off against landlords and developers due to increasing rents. Looking into why that is the case.

I'm wondering if SBS has a comment for this — of course, I know it doesn't have much say on what Albany does. But what resources do businesses have at their disposal in this struggle?

Let me know! Writing this up next week.

Best,
J

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El Diario

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Esperan que el Concejo apruebe legislación que da a los inquilinos comerciales el derecho a negociar sus alquileres



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Hace unas semanas, un bloque de negocios en Washington Heights, la mayoría latinos, tuvieron que cerrar por el alza de la renta.

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NUEVA YORK - Silvia Smith tiene un negocio en el que ofrece múltiples servicios de **inmigración**, impuestos y viajes, entre otros. Lleva 36 años en **Washington Heights** y ha tenido que trasladar sus oficinas cuatro veces hacia el norte. “La última vez que me moví me di cuenta de que si me tuviera que cambiar otra vez, me salgo del barrio para llegar a **El Bronx** y yo no quiero. Yo pertenezco a la comunidad de **Washington Heights** de toda la vida”, explicó.

Pero esta empresaria cuenta que las progresivas **subidas de alquiler** no hacen más que desplazarla. Y ella y otros dueños de **pequeños negocios** indicaron que es hora de que las cosas cambien.

La de Smith fue una de las muchas **voces latinas** que se oyeron la noche del miércoles en el **Ballroom Malcom X** durante una muy concurrida reunión informativa, a la que acudieron empresarios de la zona y varias organizaciones que están buscando apoyo para que la ciudad adopte [la propuesta de ley](#) para la **Supervivencia de Trabajos en los Pequeños Negocios** (Small

Business Jobs Survival Act o SBJSA). Se trata de una legislación que da a los inquilinos comerciales el derecho a **renovar el contrato** 10 años o más y si el dueño del local quiere subir la renta es obligatoria una mediación. Si en esta intervención no se llega a un acuerdo, se acudiría a un arbitrio de obligado cumplimiento.

Esta medida que se introdujo en el **Concejo Municipal** en varias ocasiones en el pasado fue propuesta nuevamente hace más de un año por la concejal [Annabel Palma](#) y cuenta con el apoyo de más de 20 ediles. No obstante, los empresarios que el miércoles se dieron cita en el foro no son optimistas con respecto a que se apruebe la legislación por la falta de un impulso político real y por consiguiente son pesimistas con el futuro de sus negocios.

Mientras la ley sigue sin moverse, las fuerte subidas de los **alquileres comerciales** acabaron hace unas semanas con todo un bloque de negocios en este barrio, la **mayoría latinos**, que llevaban décadas en la zona. Ayer mismo, uno de los bares de más y pintoresca trayectoria de la ciudad, **Hogs & Heifers**, anunció su cierre por no poder asumir un aumento del alquiler de **\$14,000 a \$60,000 mensuales**.

Los comerciantes que se dieron cita en **Washington Heighs** explicaban que muchas veces no se les ofrece renegociar el contrato ni siquiera con subidas por lo que no tienen más opción que cerrar y en el mejor de los casos irse a otros barrios con la pérdida de clientes que eso significa. Cuando se les pidió que alzarán la mano si pensaban que el alquiler acabaría con sus negocios en los próximos meses más de 15 personas levantaron la suya. Algunos comerciantes denunciaron que en los contratos no solo se les aplica exorbitantes subidas sino que se les obliga a asumir los impuestos de propiedad, se les pide **dinero “bajo la mesa”** y, en muchas ocasiones, ni siquiera se ofrece la posibilidad de renovar. La mayoría lamentó que no hubiera protección para inquilinos comerciales como la hay para los residenciales.

Alfred Placeres, de la **New York State Hispanic Chamber of Commerce**, uno de los más implicados en la defensa de los **pequeños negocios en la ciudad**, suele expresar en cada reunión a la que acude para explicar su inquietud por la situación que la crisis está siendo como un goteo y los ciudadanos no se están dando cuenta real del problema. “Si todos los alquileres de los pequeños negocios vencieran el mismo día nos daríamos cuenta de la gravedad de la situación”, argumentó.

Kirsten Theodos, portavoz de **Take Back New York**, una de las organizaciones tras la convocatoria de este foro, dijo que 400 negocios están siendo desalojados al mes “y se están perdiendo miles de empleos”. **Steven Barrison**, abogado que lleva más de 20 años asistiendo a pequeños negocios, explicó que los procesos de mediación y arbitraje figuran en casi todos los contratos mercantiles menos en estos.

Barrison denunció que otras leyes que se están proponiendo en **Albany**, como la de dar un recorte fiscal al dueño del local, solo empeoran los problemas. En el caso de la zonificación para prohibir la entrada de ciertos negocios y la **gentrificación**, Barrison y algunos de los pequeños empresarios del foro coincidieron en señalar que es una medida que llega “con 20 años de retraso”. “Ya es muy tarde”, lamentó el abogado que dijo que el problema no afecta solo al **Aalto Manhattan** sino también a **Brooklyn**, **Queens** e incluso otras áreas de **Manhattan**.

Los **pequeños empresarios** acordaron buscar unidad para presionar por la aprobación de esta ley y rechazaron que se tratara de una renta controlada. “¿Hay que hacer una huelga de hambre?”, reflexionó uno de ellos en voz alta. Theodos animó a los participantes a que llamaran a sus representantes para “convencerles de **apoyar la SBSJA**”.

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by Allison Meier

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BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD #10 MEETING

Thursday, September 17, 2015 at 7:30PM

Schuyler House

3077 Cross Bronx Expressway

Bronx, New York 10465

AGENDA

1. Call to Order Martin Prince, Chairman
2. Public Participation 15 Minutes
3. Acceptance of Minutes of January 15, 2015 Community Board #10 Meeting
4. Borough President's Report Tom Lucania
5. District Manager's Report Kenneth Kearns
6. Committee Reports
 - a. Executive Board Martin Prince
 - b. Housing and Zoning Peter Sullivan
 - c. Economic Development Jim McQuade
 - d. Youth & Education Services Robert Bieder
 - e. Municipal Services Joseph Russo
 - f. Parks and Recreation Virginia M. Gallagher
 - g. Planning and Budget Julian Misiurski
 - h. Health and Human Services Deborah Hunt
7. Old Business
8. New Business



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RESOLUTIONS

1. **“Resolved...**to accept the minutes of the Bronx Community Board #10 meeting of **June 18, 2015.”**
2. **“Resolved...**at the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, that the following establishments, who are applying for *renewals* of licenses, have agreed to comply with the best management practice standards contained in the Stipulations, by signing them, and to further agree to attend ATAP training, and that their compliance be sent to the State Liquor Authority and a copy placed in the Board’s file:
 - Shangerila Restaurant, 2893-95 Buhre Ave, between Edison & Pilgrim Aves, License #1234404, which expires on 09/30/15.
 - Franks Pizza/Da’Franco & Tony Ristorante, 2815 & 2819-23 Middletown Rd, between Westchester & Mulford Aves, License #1281443, which expires on 10/31/16.
(Change from Restaurant Wine to On-Premises Liquor)
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 - Oishi Sushi, 3799 E Tremont Ave, 10465, between Roosevelt Ave & Lamport Pl, License #1269320, which expires on 08/31/15.
 - Estrellita Poblana VI, 45 Westchester Sq, 10461, between Roberts & Ponton Aves, license #1254132, which expires on 06/30/15.
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 - Sammy’s Shrimp Box, 64 City Island Ave, 10464, between Horton & Rochelle Sts, License #1004054, which expires on 09/30/17.

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(Unsubstantiated under-age drinking allegations, minor building & health code violations)
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(Disorderly Groups, Outdoor Consumption, Chronic Conditions)
The Resolution passed unanimously with the owner agreeing to set up a meeting with Lt. Trapani of the 45th Pct, and to take an upcoming ATAP training course.
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- Villa Barone Ristorante, 3289 Westchester Ave, 10461, between Burr 7 Colonial Aves. , License #1003970, which expires on 10/31/15.

All renewal licenses were unanimously passed in Committee.

3. **“Resolved...**at the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, that the following establishments, who are applying for *new* licenses, have agreed to comply with the best management practice standards contained in the Stipulations, by signing them, and to further agree to attend ATAP training, and that their compliance be sent to the State Liquor Authority and a copy placed in the Board's file:
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(Under previous owner-Unauthorized promotional boxing match-large & disorderly crowds, over public assembly limit; overly promoted BBQ event-fighting, injuries; numerous noise & unruly crowd complaints. The owner of Central stated she had no ties in with the former owner, and was going into an entirely different direction with the new establishment.)
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 - Chipotle Mexican Grill, 815 Hutchinson River Pkwy, between Lafayette Ave & Wenner Pl, License #NEW.

All new licenses were unanimously passed in Committee.

4. **“Resolved...** at the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee, the Committee:
- Opposes the elimination of the cap on vendor permits which would markedly increase the street vendors;
 - Advocates that the enforcement of all laws, regulations, violations and penalties associated with street vendors, and the usage of said permits, be centralized in one NYC Agency;
 - Supports stricter laws/rules/regulations concerning the usage of the vendor permit and the appropriate behavior and conduct of vendors in regards to health, sanitary and economic conditions;
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 - Advises that any new laws/rules/regulations, together with existing laws/rules/regulations, relating to street vendors and the issuance of street vendor permits, be published on the internet and website of the appropriate NYC Agency, in language that can be understood by the general population.”
5. **“Resolved...**at the request of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the following Street Activity Permit Applications be approved and submitted to the full Board for their approval:
- ID 241085 - Like, Totally 80's – Special Event – Saturday, 9/26/15, 11 AM to 4 PM - East Tremont Avenue at Westchester Avenue by right turn from Westchester Avenue to E. Tremont, Pedestrian Plaza
 - ID 239003 - Prayer and Praise Block Party – Religious Ceremony, Sunday, 10/11/15, 2 PM to 8 PM - Commerce Avenue between Westchester Square and Butler Place.”



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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

Present: M. Prince; J. Marano; B. Bieder; T. Salimbene; P. Cantillo; R. Barbarelli; J. McQuade; V.M. Gallagher; J. Russo

Guest Board Member: Dr. A. Ponder

Guests: E. Sementilli; L. Rocco

Staff: K. Kearns

Mr. Prince called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. He opened the meeting with a discussion on the Mayor's Housing Plan and commented that it will have a long lasting effect on Board, and the City on a whole. Citing several new multiple unit dwellings being built on the sites of former 1- 3 family homes in the Pelham Bay area, he urged those who are Chairs of Committees to have their members and the membership on a whole, examine the provisions of the plan and to render an informed vote on the subject. Mr. Prince stated that the Board would reach out to the full membership with a letter and supporting materials about the program. A question was raised with respect to obtaining a map of the locations of the Board area, where this new housing may be built.

The discussion shifted to the possible creation of a Veterans Affairs Committee. Mr. Salimbene expressed the thought that it should be a Sub-Committee of the Health and Human Services Committee, and indicated that he had entered into discussions with Dr. D. Hunt, the Chair, on this matter and that they were both amenable.

There were several questions concerning the number of veterans returning, what type of services they will need and how will those services be rendered. Several members stated that all of the veterans' services questions were usually referred to Pat Devine. For his part, Mr. Salimbene felt content with the concept of creating a sub-committee with the Health and Human Services that would pay attention to services for veterans. The concept of creating a sub-committee was approved by the other members.

Dr. Ponder discussed the upcoming work of the By-Laws Committee (a non-permanent) committee that he agreed to Chair and whose members will consist of B. Pitt; C. Papastefanou; M. Davila; N. Semaj; J. Provetto, Jr.; P. Sullivan. Every board member will have input in reviewing any changes contemplated by the Committee. It is expected that the full Board will participate in the review. There was some discussion concerning the set of By-Laws and it was confirmed that it would be the set of 2010.

Dr. Ponder thanked the Executive Board for the opportunity to work on the By-Law amendments. The Committee will set about the task of arranging a schedule of meetings and

apprising the full Board. It was announced that a complete set of Board member contacts was sent to every Board member, so as to facilitate communication among members.

Mr. McQuade commented on the practices of the Economic Development Committee stating that the Committee, in reviewing liquor licenses, contacts the Police and has each establishment owner visit with the Board to discuss issues surrounding the operations of their business. The Committee further suggests that the bar owners take TIPS training. There was a short conversation on reviewing the stipulations that the Board make each owner/operator sign. Mr. McQuade also alluded to the phenomena of “zombie houses”. These are homes that are owned but unoccupied and fall prey to squatters or simply deteriorate. He would like the Committee to become involved in efforts to have these properties properly maintained or sealed.

The topic shifted to the District Service Cabinet meetings and how the Chairs should be aware of the issues that are discussed. It was further noted that the District Manager in his report, discuss these proceedings of these meetings.

Additionally, a decision was made that the Board was going to shift its emphasis away from hiring a college student to work in the office, because the criteria was for employing a college student was too stringent and did not allow for flexibility. Instead, the Board will concentrate on hiring a person to fill one of the City’s clerical titles. Among this person’s duties will be to take notes at Committee meetings.

There was a Resolution discussed at the September 2, 2015 Economic Development Committee that opposed the expansion of the number of street vendors. The City Council is exploring the concept of expanding the number of such of vendors to over 20,000. However, this is a concept that that is being explored. No legislation has been drafted, there has been no committee assignment and there is no City Council Intro #. Without legislation, some on the Committee felt that it was premature to adopt a Resolution. Nevertheless, a Resolution was adopted and will be presented to the full Board. At that point in time a motion will be offered to table said resolution. There was considerable debate of procedural methods, with many arguments pro and con discussed. In the final analysis, the Resolution will be offered, but a motion will be made to amend that resolution with a letter to the Speaker of the City Council proposing a method of operation to govern the carts.

Dr. Ponder spoke about the Resolution that mirrors Governor Cuomo’s efforts to end AIDS. He would like our Board’s Health and Human Services Committee to support a resolution.

Messrs. Sementilli and Rocco visited the Executive Board meeting to lodge a complaint about the District Manager attending a bar-b-que at the ASC/NYC facility at 1870 Pelham Parkway on September 4th. The Chairman of the Board responded by stating that he had sent the District Manager to the event.

The meeting concluded at 9:30 PM.



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Bronx Community Board #10 Economic Development Committee Minutes July 30, 2015

Present: J. McQuade; A. Chirico; N. Rosario; R. Rodriguez; T. Accomando; B Bieder

Guests: Representatives from Liquor License List

Observers: R. Barbarelli; M. Prince

Staff: P. Caruso

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 by the Chair. Representatives from the current new/renewals, introduced, themselves, and gave a brief background on their respective establishment. The Resolution was put forth as follows:

For Renewals:

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(Unsubstantiated under-age drinking allegations-minor building & health code violations)

The Resolution passed unanimously.

Problematic License:

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(Disorderly Groups, Outdoor Consumption, Chronic Conditions)

Resolution passed unanimously with the owner agreeing to set up a meeting with Lt. Trapani of the 45th Pct, and to take an upcoming ATAP training course.

For New Licenses:

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*Mi Viejo San Juan, 2920 Bruckner Blvd, 10465, between E Tremont & Edison Ave, License #NEW.

The Resolution passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.



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Bronx Community Board #10 Economic Development Committee Minutes September 2, 2015

Present: V. Gallagher; T. Accomando; A. Chirico; H. Acampora; A. Boller; N. Rosario; L. Popovic; R. Talarico; M. Velasquez; B. Bieder; M. Prince

Guests: L. Sorin (WSBID); S. Kaufman (TNMA); J. Cerini (TNMA); H. Nouri (TNMA); G. Colon (TNMA); L. Rocco (WSCASS); M. Dolgow (Bx Chamber); E. Sementelli; Liquor Licensees

Staff: P. Caruso

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Hannah Acampora, the acting Chair.

The Liquor Licensees were announced and the Resolution for the renewal licenses was introduced:

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*Villa Barone Ristorante, 3289 Westchester Ave, 10461, between Burr 7 Colonial Aves. , License #1003970, which expires on 10/31/15.

The Resolution was passed unanimously.

The Resolution for new licenses was introduced:

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*Chipotle Mexican Grill, 815 Hutchinson River Pkwy, between Lafayette Ave & Wenner Pl, License #NEW.

The Resolution passed unanimously.

At the next meeting, the Committee wants to see the Stipulations that are used in Manhattan Community Board #3, in an effort to make CB #10's Stipulations stricter.

Michelle Dolgow, Executive Director of the Bronx Chamber of Commerce, spoke about the Chamber's Bronx H.I.R.E. initiative with Senator Klein regarding an upcoming Workforce Development Workshop and an Interview Fair.

Lisa Sorin, Executive Director of the Westchester Square BID, spoke about a tentative bill being discussed, that would eliminate the cap on vendor permits. Currently, 2,800 vendor permits are issued, which could potentially increase to about 25,000 if the cap is removed. An organization called the Street Vendor Project, which is an off-shoot of the Urban Justice Center, is behind the effort to get the cap lifted. The estimated date for the bill to come before the City Council was the end of September/early October 2015.

The NYC BID Association, which is comprised of 72 BIDs, feels that lifting the cap could possibly make the regulations less restrictive for the street vendors, and that any changes be carefully evaluated before they are made. Brick and mortar businesses pay rent, taxes, insurance, assessments (if a BID), and are inspected regularly by multiple City Agencies. There are more regulations and higher licensing costs for these businesses than for food cart/truck vendors. BIDs are not discouraging small businesses, but that everyone should be on equal terms, and rules and regulations should apply to large & small business alike. The BIDs feel that as they are part of the City make-up, they should have a say regarding the vendor regulations. They don't want to hurt Veterans or free enterprise, but want parity of treatment for all.

41 Councilmembers polled by the Street Vendor Project were in favor of the elimination of the cap on vendor permits, which seems to make a good case for their cause. It is also feared that there is a "black market" under-tone in the vendor permit process, where permits are obtained for about \$200, then sub-contracted to a 3rd party for thousands of dollars. The Street Vendor Project feels that by lifting the cap, it would eliminate the sub-contracting, and small businesses would not have to pay exorbitant fees for permits.

The Committee felt that they should take a stand in support of keeping the cap on the street vendor permits, even though there was no wording/hard copy of the proposed bill. This sentiment was echoed by the representatives of the Throggs Neck Merchants Associations Board of Directors. Steve Kaufman, President of the TNMA, formulated the points that he felt should be included in the Resolution:

"Resolved... at the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee, the Committee:

- * Opposes the elimination of the cap on vendor permits which would markedly increase the street vendors;
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- * Advises that any new laws/rules/regulations, together with existing laws/rules/regulations, relating to street vendors and the issuance of street vendor permits, be published on the internet and website of the appropriate NYC Agency, in language that can be understood by the general population.

The Resolution was approved unanimously.

The Committee also suggested writing letters supporting keeping the cap on vendor permits to: the City Council's Committee on Small Businesses, Councilmembers James Vacca, Andy King, Annabelle Palmer, Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito, and Mayor Bill DeBlasio, and to include information on the street vendor controversy and the Board supporting the cap, in the Board's Bronx Times Reporter column.

It was also discussed if the support to keep the cap on vendor permits, can be a Borough-wide or even City-wide cooperative effort among all the Community Boards. Martin Prince, the Chair, impressed upon the group that it was a very difficult to do a combined initiative, as past experience has shown. It was suggested that Lisa could request to speak at an upcoming Borough Board meeting, which is attended by the District Managers of all 12 Bronx Community Boards, which she agreed to do.

Under New Business, Bob Bieder announced that bars/restaurants should attend the 45th Precinct Council's meeting the next evening, to get information on "paid detail"-where uniformed, off-duty police officers, work in said establishments for private pay.

Also, Bob spoke about Councilmember Annabelle Palmer's re-introduction of the Small Business Survival Act as the Small Business Jobs Survival Act, which would give Small Businesses the right of arbitration in the lease renewal process. The previous version of the bill garnered support of many business/ non-business organizations, but was not able to become law. This bill would help prevent landlords from indiscriminately evicting their business tenants when a lease expired and help to prevent any under-the table money from passing hands in order to secure a lease.

Take Back NYC is sponsoring an information forum at the Greek Orthodox Church on September 30, at 7:30 PM, for both business and community groups, as keeping a business viable in an area benefits both.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Comments in bold/italics are from Board Member Robert Bieder

DRAFT

September 18, 2015

Hon. Melissa Mark-Viverito, Speaker
City Council, City of New York
250 Broadway, 18th Floor
New York, NY 10007

Re: Pending Vendor Legislation

Dear Madame Speaker:

My name is Martin Prince and I am the Chairman of Bronx Community Board #10, which represents the northeast Bronx neighborhoods of Pelham Bay, Throggs Neck, Country Club, City Island, Co-op City, Zerega and Westchester Square.

It is our understanding that the City Council will be considering legislation that will increase the number of vending permits. We at Community Board #10 wanted to share our Board's opinion and concerns with your office, regarding this proposed legislation. Our Board has five principal shopping areas located within it, Westchester Square, which is served by the Westchester Square Business Improvement District, Pelham Bay along Westchester Avenue and Crosby Avenues, Throggs Neck, along E. Tremont Avenue, the Dreiser Loop, Einstein Loop and Bartow Avenue shopping centers in Co-op City and City Island Avenue. These are older pedestrian centric shopping districts that are home to traditional mom and pop type stores, local banks, medical providers and restaurants. These businesses struggle daily to compete with the mega malls located at Bay Plaza and the Throggs Neck Shopping Centers. These businesses have fixed costs associated with buildings, utilities, taxes, permitting fees and personnel. The introduction of vendors into these areas will only serve to erode the already limited revenue base in the community. Some of these businesses will be forced to close and their services will be lost to the community forever, ***because they will be replaced by chain store, corporate operations that seldom, if ever, have any binding ties to the neighborhoods that they serve. (NOT REVELANT TO THE ISSUE)***

Having stated this, our Board is sensitive to the needs of individuals who want to exercise an entrepreneurial spirit and wish to open a stand and vend items. However, this concern is tempered by the greater obligation to our longstanding merchants, who have contributed

immeasurably to the stability of our communities. We must be sensitive to their needs as well, and craft legislation that will protect the existing brick and mortar businesses from a vending industry, which enjoys operations that are virtually free from regulation and fixed economic costs. (**NOT TRUE see attached**)

We propose the following:

1. That the Department of Small Business Services be designated as the lead agency, with respect to issuance of permits, the inspection of complaints and that any complaint must be referred to OATH for adjudication (**SBS has no enforcement capability**).
2. That the Department of Small Business Services be responsible for the collection of the fees for the permits and maintain records concerning those fees and ensuring that they are deposited in the City's general fund. That this same agency disseminate information concerning the collection of appropriate taxes, and that it share its records with the appropriate municipal and state tax agencies (**the agencies already do this**)
3. That the Department of Small Business Services be funded, to create a robust inspection force linked to 311, to investigate complaints (**DOH should be funded to hire more inspectors, however, this is an issue for the budget consultations**)
4. That the Department of Small Business Services establish a vendor services unit, to act as a clearing house for the education of vendors on Best Management Practices for their carts. That this unit also be charged with providing an educational component for the vending community on New York City laws and custom (**SBS has a food handling program and food carts should if not already be added to this program**)
5. That the vendor services unit act as a one stop permit center for the vendors (**SBS does not issue permits**)
6. That the Department of Small Business Services work with the BIDS, merchant associations, Community Boards and elected officials across the City, to select appropriate community sites, where the vendors will be placed, and that a mechanism be developed that will allow for the above entities to render an advisory opinion on the vendor sites (**permits do not restrict vendors to specific locations**)
7. That the establishment of "no vendor zones" be considered
8. That new regulations governing the cleanliness of food carts and operating procedures for staff be put in place that mirror those that exist for restaurants, including a letter grading system
9. That the development of any new law or regulation governing vendors should be printed in plain language that is easy for anyone to understand and that said development of any new law or regulation be subject to a public hearing process. That all of the existing and any new regulations established governing the vendor community be published on the agency website

10. That the Department of Small Business Services maintain a dedicated staff of professionals to act as the liaison to community Boards, elected officials and the general public to answer questions about vendors and their operations (*this already exists at SBS, DOH, and DCA*)
11. That the Department of Small Business Services develop an advisory body of vendor representatives, traditional business representatives, Community Boards and elected officials to develop policy initiatives with respect to the vending community.
12. That the participation of a “broker” who buys permits and subsequently sells them to vendors, who later job out work to others, on the carts be prohibited. That regulations be developed that require any holder of the permit to be actual vender and that anyone he/she employs be subject to all of the worker protection, salary and benefit laws governing all employees (**I believe that *this is the current law, not 100% sure***)

In closing, our Board feels that the City has a difficult time regulating the existing number of vendors and that any plan to increase their numbers, without a comprehensive plan, similar to the one laid out above, will prove to be problematic.

Thank you for your attention and consideration of these matters.

Sincerely,

Martin Prince, Chairman
Bronx Community Board #10

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MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

September 10, 2015

Present: J. Russo; H. Acampora; R. Baez; B. Bieder; A. Boller; A. Chirico; M. Pricoli; R. Rodriguez R. Talarico; T. Accomando

Absent: J. Boiko; C. Papastefanou; J. Robert; P. Sullivan

Agency Guests: L. Torres and L. Brown - NYPL

Observers: R. Brown; J. Cerini; A. Grauer; M. Pavlica; J. Sohmers; Rev. J. Thigpen

Mr. Russo began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

NYPL: Ms. Torres and Ms. Brown advised the committee of current fiscal stability of the NYPL including \$43M in funding from the Mayor's office and \$300M in capital improvements.

Among the changes coming are extended hours including Sunday hours, 100 new librarians and renovations to facilities including elevators and ADA compliance. They thanked the committee – and the full board – for the support we have shown the NYPL over the years and asked for our continued support as they look towards their FY2017 requests.

Unionport Bridge EIS: The Environmental Impact Study for the replacement of the Unionport Bridge is in the board's office for review and comment. Written comments are due by October 10th. We urge all interested board members to come in, review the documents and offer comment.

Also, we are seeking a future meeting – either October or November – to have presentation from the DOT regarding the construction plan.

Street Activity Permits:

Street Activity Permit Applications were reviewed and unanimously approved in Committee.

“Resolved...at the request of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the following Street Activity Permit Applications be approved and submitted to the full Board for their approval:

ID 241085 - Like, Totally 80's – Special Event – Saturday, 9/26/15, 11 AM to 4 PM - East Tremont Avenue at Westchester Avenue by right turn from Westchester Avenue to E. Tremont, Pedestrian Plaza;

ID 239003 - Prayer and Praise Block Party – Religious Ceremony, Sunday, 10/11/15, 2 PM to 8 PM - Commerce Avenue between Westchester Square and Butler Place.”

New DOT Requests:

St. Raymond's Avenue between St. Peters and Seddon is designated as Doctor's Parking Only. Now that Westchester Square Hospital is no longer an active hospital those parking spots should be restored to the community.

Brush Avenue from Lafayette Avenue to Jay Place has No Standing/Parking 10PM to 5AM Signs. We received a petition from the community to have those signs removed and replaced with "No Truck Parking" and "Street Cleaning" signs.

Both of these requests are being sent to the District Manager for further investigation and discussion with the DOT.

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From: sunnysidechamberofcommerce@gmail.com

To: Members&friends@gmail.com



Sat., Sept. 26, 4-8pm. Big Day on Skillman Avenue! All are welcome to the Skillman Avenue Fall Festival, assisted by the DOT. The Skillman Project spearheaded the event and co-hosts

with the Chamber. Stroll, take in **loads** of entertainment, or stop for a bite and brew from 45th to 51st Street – a good time for all ages, including kids.



Wed., Sept. 30, 12:30: Showcase Luncheon at Bar 43, on 43rd St. near 43rd Ave, with host Nicholas Murphy. **Pulled Pork Pizza?** See attached flyer for more info. Digital marketing expert Catherine Penfold-Waxman will be there as guest speaker and also on all of Bar 43's 25 screens!



[Study acting and/or digital production](#) right here in Sunnyside! William Lopera, Admin, Dir. at Thalia Spanish Theater announces 10 bilingual classes October 5 through Dec. 7, \$350 for acting, \$700 for production, \$900 for both! Call 718-729-3880.



Thurs., Oct. 1: Our own **Eve Cho Guillergan, Esq.**, an attorney specializing in immigration, is guest speaker in NYC at <http://gocaribbeanexpo.com>. Eve chairs the immigration committee for the Korean American Lawyers Association of Greater New York.



Chamber Board member *Oguzhan Turan* of the Turkish Cultural Center is now head of TCC Manhattan. We will miss him! We warmly welcome in his stead *Oner Soytekin*, who grew up in Sunnyside. *Frances Schmidt* came home from successful pacemaker operation, but has to spend some time starting today at Queens Blvd. Extended Care, 61-11 Queens Blvd., Woodside 11377. Want to talk directly to your cops? 108 Precinct Council Meeting, 7pm, Tues., Sept. 29 at Sunnyside Community Services, 43-31 39th St, Sunnyside. *Amanda Barker* and *Matthew Carlson* joined the Chamber expressly to develop a serious film festival. Sunnyside Artists deadline for [Crafts fair](#) is Oct. 15 for Nov. 8 Fair at Queen of Angels Parish Center.



Want to support the Chamber? Join as individual for \$25 yearly. "Sunnyside Chamber," P.O. Box 4399, Sunnyside, NY 11104. **Save Mom & Pops!** Urge passage in the City Council of the SBJSA/Small Business Jobs Survival Act (detail from painting by local Gareth Fletcher).

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YOU ARE INVITED!

to the 1st Showcase Luncheon of the
fall season on Wednesday,
Sept. 30, 12:30 sharp!

All are welcome to attend, have a great
lunch & hear exciting presentation!



One of Sunnyside's most popular spots, Bar 43, run by the handsome Irishman with a brogue, Nicholas Murphy, the spot is known Queens-wide for its trivia competitions, sports events with 25 wide screens and a packed house every weekend!

PRIX FIXE MENU \$22 includes tax & tip

- Assortment of appetizers, Soda, Choice of:
- Kitchen Sink Salad: baby arugula, mushrooms, avocado, cherry tomatoes, red onion, blue cheese, lime-cilantro dressing
- Pulled Pork Pizza: BBQ pulled pork with roasted red peppers, mozzarella cheese on flat bread.
- Turkey Melt Sandwich: roast turkey, tomato, avocado, melted Swiss cheese on a hero

"Digital Marketing Workshop"

What everyone has been asking for! Catherine Penfold-Waxman is employed and not selling us anything – just sharing her expertise with information we can use immediately no matter what we are marketing – products, an organization or good deeds. Last month, her client just got the highest digital ranking and recognition in a field of Fortune 50 giants and she has a pedigree working with the best in the business. "Creative Director at Tenthwave, bringing charm, tea and creativity to digital marketing," reads her LinkedIn profile. She was born and educated in England, and is married to Queens history guide Mitch Waxman and lives in Astoria with their little dog, Zuzu.

Catherine
Penfold-Waxman



Founded in 1947, Sunnyside Chamber is an independent, non-profit, local organization dedicated to promoting and advocating for local small business and the community. You are encouraged to bring your or your organization's card and self promote.

Come network, meet local people, make friends, and be a part of your "small town in the big city."

Pass the SJBSA/Small Business Jobs Survival Act. Save our mom & pops!







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"Build it and they will come" - Victor Maldonado, Hill Street Community Garden

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596 Acres General Meeting this evening!

Today, October 1, we are braving the storm for a 596 Acres **General Meeting!** From 6-7:30pm we gather at **Smiling Hogshead Ranch**, in Long Island City, 25-30 Skillman Avenue, Queens, NY 11101. Community members organizing for land access across the city will have the opportunity to share about their campaigns and collectively strategize. We will also get a tour of the ranch, try out the **Community Governance Cards**, and help everyone who comes plan the next steps in their local efforts for access to land! For more information, see the **event page**. Contact Andrew at andrew@596acres.org or call 718-316-6092 ext 3.

NEWS FROM THE ORGANIZING ACRES

Woodside, Queens - Carlos is just starting to organize to transform this **City-owned triangular lot** at Laurel Hill Blvd. and 48th Avenue into a garden and community gathering space. It's small enough to be left behind by all the City programs but certainly large enough to make an impact in the neighborhood! Get in touch with him at 100thseedproject@gmail.com or 9179227525.

Brownsville, Brooklyn - Chris has been in touch with NYCHA's Garden and Greening Program about turning a **vacant lot** on the corner of Glenmore Avenue and Powell Street into a community garden. He would love to work with his neighbors on this campaign! If you would like to get involved, contact Chris at citrus0345@gmail.com or 718-708-3762.

East New York, Brooklyn - Stephanie has been trying to re-open an **Administration of Children's Services lot** that is *already full of playground equipment* next-door to the Headstart program where she works. She is looking for community members, nearby schools and the rest of the Headstart staff to work with her to transform the space. To get involved, contact Simplystephanie1965@yahoo.com or call Stephanie at 516-306-0956.

Bushwick, Brooklyn - **The City-owned triangular lot at the corner of Bushwick and Beaver** is finally becoming a Park. Work began this week. It IS becoming a City Park (hurray!) and Maria-Mercedes Hubbard (maria.hubbard@ahrcnyc.org, (718) 455-5473) has been leading the advocacy to have the park incorporate a teaching garden. Get in touch with her if you would like to see a community growing space here!

Lots with Access

Bushwick, Brooklyn - Next **Saturday, October 10**, **Know Waste Lands Compost and Wildflower**

Garden is celebrating the work everybody has done to create the garden! With support from 596 Acres, this land was successfully transferred from the Department of Citywide Administrative Services to the Parks Department to be protected as a community green space. Join community members for a fall bonfire, silkscreen printing, a family portrait station and a showcase of two art projects: the BK ROT Compost Comix and "Whose Streets?" The event will go from 2-7pm at 1278 Myrtle Avenue. See the [Facebook event page](#) for more information.

Gardens at Risk

Crown Heights, Brooklyn - **Imani Community Garden** is at risk of being divided! The garden was nearly bulldozed in 2000 and only preserved because the New York Restoration Project purchased 2 of the 3 lots the garden is on from a City auction in 2000. These two lots are on either side of another lot that belongs to a not-for-profit organization and has since been sold without the approval from the Attorney General. Now, the purchaser of the middle lot threatened to cut the garden into thirds by putting up fences and locking the huge willow tree away. To find out ways to support, email saveimanitree@gmail.com or call 718-496-5139. Options include: having the garden lot bought back through donations, the City buying it or a reversal of the sale by the Attorney General. Other ideas welcome!

Bushwick, Brooklyn - Last Friday, members of the **Eldert Street Garden**, with their lawyer Paula Z. Segal, protested the eviction of the garden in the Landlord Tenant Court and were ordered access to the garden! For more information about the situation, take a look at [this Gothamist article](#). Mark your calendar to come support continued community land access in Bushwick on Tuesday, October 27 at 10:15am (at 141 Livingston Street, Brooklyn).

COLLABORATORS

Did you know that more than 50% of New Yorkers work at a small business, but 1000-1200 NYC small businesses are forced to close their doors every month, most of these because of rent increases? The Small Business Jobs Survival Act (SBJSA) could help to stop that. Learn more about SBJSA [here](#).

Practical Urban Notions (PUN), an organization created to advance the art and science of sustainable metropolitan life, is offering a free 2 week stay at their South Williamsburg shipping container house as a part of their Artist/Scholar in Residence program. The Resident would assist in the development of a PUN website. The date of the residency is to be determined, but would be sometime between Jan 18 - March 18, 2016. Anyone interested in this program can send a CV to Janet Brown at ansjanet@gmail.com.

GREEN FOR YOUR GREEN

Long Island City, Queens - **Smiling Hogshead Ranch** was one of four organizations to receive a \$6,000 local community grant from Council Member Jimmy Van Bramer for arts education workshops and cultural programming at local parks in Council District 26! The grant will allow them to expand their programming and do new creative things! For more information, check out [this article](#).

We maintain [a list of micro grants and resources](#) that can help you make your project a reality AFTER you have access to your lot. Groups working on lots that 596 Acres helped them access have already raised over \$180,000 for their growing spaces. Have you received a grant or resources for your community project because you read about them here? Tell us about it! Shoot us an email at organizers@596acres.org and let us know!



Members of the [Eldert Street Garden](#) in court after the judge granted access to the garden!

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when it comes to assisting our small businesses?

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Northern Brooklyn City Councilman Stephen Levin, this week, threw out an opening salvo on what promises to be a spirited debate between two competing bills to ad...

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Rumor has it that Council Member Carlos Menchaca has finally come out in support of SBJSA. Let's see if we have enough support to get a bill to the Council floor for a vote.

From: [David Tieu](#)
To: [Caquias, Paula](#)
Subject: Invitation to Mayor de Blasio to attend March Against Displacement, Wednesday Oct. 28, 2015 @ 4:30PM
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Coalition to Protect Chinatown & the Lower East Side

List in formation: 318 Restaurant Workers' Union, Action by the Lower East Side, Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund, Cabalito Restaurant, Chinese Staff & Workers Association, Delancey Car Service, District Leader Jenifer Rajkumar, District Leader Pedro Cardi, Harlem Consumer Education Council, LaGuardia Houses Tenant Patrol, Lands End 2 Resident Association, LES Dwellers, Lower East Side Anti-Displacement Project, Mujeres y Hombres Luchadoras, National Mobilization Against Sweatshops, Orchard Street Block Association, Professor Peter Kwong from CUNY-Hunter, Project Reach, Sixth Street Community Center, Professor Juanita Díaz-Cotto from SUNY-Binghamton, Take Back the Bronx, Take Back NYC

October 27, 2015

Dear Mayor de Blasio,

On September 25th, about 1,000 concerned community members from the Lower East Side and Chinatown marched from the community to City Hall, and delivered to you a letter requesting adoption of the community rezoning plan, also known as the Chinatown Working Group rezoning plan. After our community was excluded from the 2008 East Village rezoning, we spent 7 years working to craft a rezoning plan to protect the entire community.

Without even meeting with the groups that created the plan, the Department of City Planning rejected it. This kind of treatment is discriminatory. We should have equal protection. We need you to meet with us. To this day, you have not responded to our letter.

We will be arriving at City Hall on October 28, from between 4:30pm and 5pm. We urge you to come out and meet with us at this time.

Sincerely,

The Coalition to Protect Chinatown and the Lower East Side

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From: [David Tieu](#)
To: [Mayor's Press Office](#)
Subject: Invitation to Mayor de Blasio to attend March Against Displacement, Wednesday Oct. 28, 2015 @ 4:30PM
Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 5:57:31 PM
Attachments: [Letter to Mayor de Blasio 10-27-15.docx](#)

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Subject: Small business protection bill
Date: Wednesday, November 04, 2015 8:45:40 AM

<http://www.norwoodnews.org/id=19427&story=with-bronx-businesses-under-siege-a-bill-to-stabilize-commercial-tenant-leases/>

In the decades since Tom opened his Kingsbridge business, things had always been profitable and quiet. That was until last year when his landlord denied him his regularly five-year lease extension. Tom asked his last name be kept confidential for fear of retribution from his landlord who's dangled month-to-month lease over his head.

"My future's uncertain there," said Tom. He's since refocused his attention on kick starting his restaurant business in nearby Westchester County, where small businesses are welcomed, he noted.

Along Kingsbridge Road, a commercial area home to small businesses, many stores have maintained a holding pattern as the corridor awaits the opening of the Kingsbridge National Ice Center, considered a flashpoint in the future of the largely working class neighborhood. But talk of gentrification has become a predominant issue for small business tenants in Kingsbridge, thanks to the development project that's still in the early stages...

But as it stands, landlords have maintained a grip on their commercial leases, offering them up to the highest bidder, according to Kirsten Theodos, one of the lead organizers for **Take Back NY**.

"The only factor that's taken into consideration in a commercial lease renewal process is how much is the landlord going to make?" said Theodos. "It never factors in, '**Well, why can't the commercial tenant make a living?**'"

From: [Whitney Clegg](#)
To: [Mayor's Press Office](#)
Subject: SBJSA
Date: Wednesday, November 04, 2015 1:50:33 PM

Hi,

I'm a reporter and graduate school student for the New York City News Service. I'm writing an article about the Small Business Jobs Survival Act. I would like to get a response from the Mayor's office on why Mayor de Blasio hasn't come out to support the bill.

My deadline is Friday.

Best,

Whitney Clegg

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Date: Thursday, November 19, 2015 7:48:22 PM



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- Henry Ward Beecher, 1813-1887, Brooklyn clergyman and avowed abolitionist of slavery

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To: [Perez, Roberto](#)
Subject: FW: 6th Avenue Protected Bike Lane/CCBA Meeting
Date: Friday, November 20, 2015 7:35:28 PM

Hi:

FYI.

Attached for your information is the NYC Department of Transportation's proposal for the new

protected bike lane that will go from West 14th Street to West 33rd Street on Sixth Avenue

This matter will be on the agenda of our **Council of Chelsea Block Associations meeting** being held this **Tuesday, November 24th, 7:00PM** in the Hudson Guild's Gural Room, Ground Floor located at **441 West 26th Street, between 9th and 10th Avenue.**

Our invited guests at the meeting will be the **13th Police Precinct.**

Also on the agenda is the proposed **beer garden on Pier 62 in Hudson River Park,** complaints about **Il Bastardo** the restaurant located at 191 Seventh Avenue, West 21/22 Streets, and the proposed **City Council legislation; "Small Business Jobs Survival Act" [SBJSA]** which according to its sponsors will essentially give Mom and Pop businesses a right to a lease renewal and rights to negotiate a new fair lease.

Look forward to seeing you on Tuesday evening,

Bill

From: cchattergoon@dot.nyc.gov
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: 6th Avenue Protected Bike Lane
Date: Fri, 20 Nov 2015 21:05:04 +0000

Hi Bill,

Nice speaking to you! Below is a link to CB 4 presentation on the 6th Avenue protected bike lane. Thank you for attending the meeting.

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/downloads/pdf/6th-ave-cb-4-2015-11-18.pdf>

Thanks,

Colleen Chattergoon

NYCDOT

212-839-6216

Thank you.

NYC – Department of Transportation

From: [People First NYC](#)
To: pcquias@cityhall.ny.gov; [Mayor's Press Office](#)
Subject: Invitation to Chinatown/LES Community Town Hall Meeting - 12/5/15 @ 4pm
Date: Wednesday, November 25, 2015 5:49:03 PM
Attachments: [Town Hall Invitation - Bill de Blasio.pdf](#)

Dear Mayor de Blasio:

The Coalition to Protect Chinatown and the Lower East Side invites you, our elected official, to join us at our Town Hall Meeting on December 5th to discuss the rampant displacement in our neighborhood. In Chinatown and the Lower East Side, our community is facing a crisis with the displacement of tenants, schools, community services, and small businesses. We ask you, our representative, to meet with your constituents about finding a solution to this crisis. Our strong, united, and ethnically diverse community in the Lower East Side and Chinatown worked hard for seven years on the Chinatown Working Group (CWG) rezoning plan to protect our entire community from high-rise luxury developments like the 80-story Extell tower. We urge you to support the passage of the CWG rezoning plan.

Join us on December 5, 2015 at 4PM at Seward Park High School, 350 Grand Street. Please RSVP via phone to (212) 358-0295 or via email to peoplefirstnyc@gmail.com and let us know if you will join us for this important discussion. We look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

The Coalition to Protect Chinatown and the Lower East Side

Coalition to Protect Chinatown & the Lower East Side

List in formation: 318 Restaurant Workers' Union, Action by the Lower East Side, Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund, Cabalito Salvadoran Restaurant, Chinese Staff & Workers Association, Delancey Car Service, District Leader Jenifer Rajkumar, District Leader Pedro Cardi, Harlem Consumer Education Council, LaGuardia Houses Tenant Patrol, Lands End 2 Resident Association, LES Dwellers, Lower East Side Anti-Displacement Project, Mujeres y Hombres Luchadoras, National Mobilization Against Sweatshops, Orchard Street Block Association, Professor Peter Kwong from CUNY-Hunter, Project Reach, Sixth Street Community Center, Professor Juanita Díaz-Cotto from SUNY-Binghamton, Take Back the Bronx, Take Back NYC

November 25, 2015

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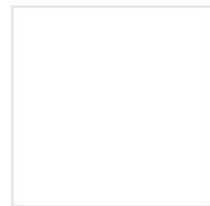
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To: [Greene, Lindsay](#)
Subject: Kirsten Theodos on Twitter: ".@TenantNet Mayor @deBlasioNYC Continues Bloomberg's Anti-Small Business Policy #SBJSA
Date: Thursday, December 03, 2015 4:35:44 PM

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<https://twitter.com/kirstentheodos/status/672506499227369473>

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From: [Victor Gutierrez](#)
To: [Victor Gutierrez](#)
Subject: Small Business Owners, who face Exorbitant Rents support and want you to Vote for JULIO PABON con
Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2016
Thursday, February 11, 2016 12:23:56 AM

From: Kirsten Theodos <kirsten@takebacknyc.nyc>

Date: February 7, 2016 at 9:39:11 AM EST
To: Julio Pabón <[REDACTED]>
Subject: 2/23/16: Vote for JULIO PABON!!!

Thank you so much for taking the time out to speak to me on Friday. Very soon, a serious debate will take place in the New York City Council on the best solution to end the closing of long established small businesses caused by exorbitant rent increases, and to ensure they have a future in the city.

Read more about it here:

<http://www.kingscountypolitics.com/op-ed-sbjisa-is-last-refuge-for-citys-small-business-owners/>

As mentioned there is a special election being held on February 23rd to fill your vacant Council Member seat. Whether or not you will have a future is going to be decided in the upcoming months. **JULIO PABON** is our candidate as he was a business owner who was rent hiked out, and is prioritizing fighting to save small businesses and the jobs they provide.

As gentrification is creeping into the Bronx, and as the Bronx is leading all the boroughs in commercial evictions, the only way we can fight this is if we elect lawmakers who are willing to stand up and fight for legislation that would stop our businesses from getting priced out of the neighborhoods and save much needed jobs. (#SBJSA)



Not many people even know there is a special election on February 23rd which is why I am asking you for help. ***Please forward this email onto your friends, family, customers and neighbors and let them know there is a special election that is coming up and to stand up and say #TheBronxIsNotForSale by voting for JULIO PABON.***

If you do not know your polling station, please check here:

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Kirsten Theodos

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From: sunnysidechamberofcommerce@gmail.com

To: Members&friends@gmail.com





TODAY, Mon., 2/22: [Cooldown Juice](#) thanks teachers, pre-K to prof, who live or work in Sunnyside LIC area, with a free **8-oz fresh, cold-processed organic juice, normally \$5 bucks!** No purchase needed. 39-11 47th Ave., Sunnyside, between 39th Pl. & 39th Ave, a block from Queens Blvd.



TOMORROW: Tues. 2/23 8AM: Small Biz Breakfast, prix fixe \$16. **Mark Stroubus** hosting at New York Style Eats. **Fred Riley** of NYC Consumer Affairs will have information on vendors and other topics, as well as **James Middleton** of NYC Licensing. The **NYPD** is invited. There will be more and varied greet-the-day dishes than you can eat (wraps!)



Email by 2/23, if you would like to bid farewell in person to **Oguzhan Turan**, heading to Boston for the Turkish Cultural Center, to **Anne Mustafa** at anne@turkishculturalcenter.org. A Luke Adams Sunnysider of the Year, Oguzhan is forever woven into the weave of our lives. Welcome, Sunnysider **Suleyman Yilmaz**, who will join the board from TCCQ. Photo: Steve

Harris



[24/7: Click for free online digital info](#) from an Astorian we adore, **Catherine Penfold** – as if her two informative digital marketing presentations weren't enough, Cat threw up this site with information for those who missed her at Quaint 1/26. Photo: Mitch Waxman



Among the 2016 goals the Chamber's Executive Board goals are to ask for passage of the Small Business Jobs Survival Act. Attached is why.



- March 18 - April 5: Receipt of nominations/election notice to all members. All full members welcome to self nominate, run, vote and serve!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- **Tues. March 22, 12:30**, Showcase Luncheon at Bliss 46 Bistro, "Get More from Your Smart Phone or I Didn't Know That!" with **Adrian Bordoni**
- Sunday date coming March/April for "They Knew How to Party  Bob Lodati/Roel Vanderkooi/Luke Adams Casino Chamber Caper" to Atlantic City
- **Tues., April 12, 12:30**, Annual Meeting/Election, lunch gratis for members, Dazies Restaurant
- **Tues. May 24, 12:30**, Sidetracks, tentative topic: Immigration
- **Sun., June 12, 10-5PM**, Queen of Angels Fine Art Fair
- **Tues., June 28, 6PM**, DeMole Happy & Vegan Hour
- **Fri., Sat., Sun. July 15, 16,17**, Boulevard Film Festival
- **Tues., Oct. 18, 6PM**, Luke Adams Sunnysider of the Year
- **Sun., Nov. 13, 10-5PM**, Sunnyside Artists Craft Fair at Queen of Angels
- **Tues., Dec. 13, 6:30PM**, Sabba Park Lighting

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ATTN: EARLY BIRDS!
You are invited: Showcase
Breakfast/Mini Town Hall
prix fixe \$16, NY Style Eats
Tues., Feb. 23, 8AM



There is a reason by Mark Stroubus's NY Style Eats is always packed and his delivery business is nonstop at 45-02 Queens Blvd. Have a full satisfying breakfast (early to allow busy business owners a chance to attend!)

TOPIC: WHAT ARE THE FACTS? Between e-commerce and street vendors, bricks and mortar businesses are feeling the pinch. They pay year around sizable rents, staff, & taxes, and endure the ups and downs and need advice. These under



Needed is exact info on the law, and who to contact with specific inquiries. **EVERYONE LOVES OUR MOM & POPS!** As residents, let's support the small businesses and professionals that make the area such a great place to live!

Attending:

- **Fred Riley**, Dept. of Consumer Affairs
- **James Middleton**, Dept. of Mental Health & Hygiene
- **NYPD** Community Affairs

An independent, non-profit, organization dedicated to promoting and advocating for local small business and the community, open to all. You are encourage to self promote, network, & meet local people. Support our mom & pops!

Sunnyside-Chamber.org SunnysideChamberofCommerce@gmail.com 718-729-4688

Noble Work

Op Ed
by Patricia Dorfman

A street vendor sets up outside a store, and sells poorer quality items at half price. A building owner receives a property tax bill double last year's. A vendor cannot find a spot to set up his food truck. A storeowner wants to get rid of a food truck. A chain store's headquarters stop a local mom and pop from offering a popular product.

Our local small businesses have a big task with changing tastes, rising costs, and online competition, as well as figuring out how to best cope with the challenges above. The Sunnyside Chamber has scheduled an open, cordial, informational breakfast to learn what the laws are or whom to ask, at NY Style Eats, 8AM, Tues., Feb. 23. For some complaints, we may have to live with them. Everybody is trying to earn a living. For others, we can work for a solution and fair application of the law.

But even solving all of the above is meaningless to a small business unable to renew a lease. Rising property values may make space too valuable for landlords to renew. Mom and pops lose as well as our neighborhood. We are in this together, including our leaders.

Our great property values make it more attractive for some to speculate – often meaning ousting small business that helped build that value. Each month, an average of 491 NYC small businesses are evicted. Commercial rents are skyrocketing, and all over the city, mom and pops have closed, replaced by banks and chain stores.

The speculation results in entrepreneurs losing their dream, their livelihood, and for residents, shuttered neighborhood favorites. Mom and pops and professionals are

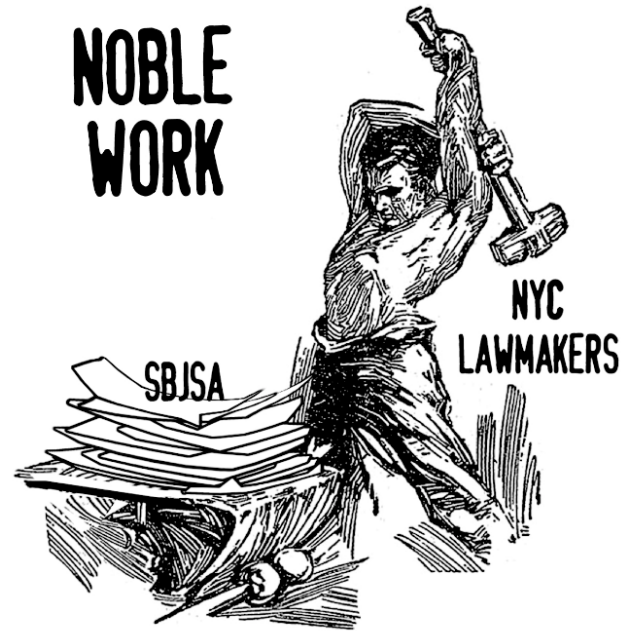
the lifeblood of the city's communities. They are a stepladder to a better life, and provide services and habitability.

More regulation would seem undesirable to many, and if all regulations were removed, perhaps eventually a kind of equilibrium would result. But in NYC, that would be nearly impossible to put into effect. The circumstances now favor real big estate interests over neighborhoods, habitability, and small business. **There is a crisis and a counter measure is available with the power in the hands of one body.**

NYC Council Members do not have easy jobs with a fickle public: **But if they could hammer out passage of the Small Business Jobs Survival Act, they could save the city. (We are proud and grateful that our Council member, Majority Leader Jimmy Van Bramer, has endorsed the bill, now 28 out of 51.)**

Our smaller property owners support SBJSA. There is opposition from larger real estate interests. Understandably, no property owner likes the idea of more regulation and the estate lobby has been trying to quash the bill with alternatives or suggesting it is unconstitutional.

But some of the best legal minds out there have debunked that claim. Already on the books is residential rent control, which would be illegal by the same standard. SBJSA will not prevent a landlord from evicting a bad or nonpaying tenant, or prevent rent hikes.



The Small Business Jobs Survival Act is a tool that mom and pops and the city need now from their lawmakers. Passage will not be easy. But it is noble work. Only the SBJSA:

- gives the basic right to renewal to commercial tenants.
- gives reasonable length of leases to the tenants (10 years).
- would stop the extortion of mostly immigrant owners.
- encourages equal "bargaining in good faith" between landlord and tenant, via mediation and arbitration.
- protects all the city's commercial leaseholders, including arts, culture, not-for-profits, and manufacturing.

The Sunnyside Chamber of Commerce respectfully asks for the passage by City Council of the Small Business Jobs Survival Act to save our mom and pops and our neighborhoods.









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To: [Norvell, Wiley](#)
Subject: Mayor's thoughts on SBJSA
Date: Thursday, April 07, 2016 1:35:06 PM

Hi Wiley.

Hope you're doing well.

I wanted to ask the mayor's thoughts on the Small Business Jobs Survival Act, that controversial commercial lease bill that's been around for 30 years. Is this something he is in support of? And if not, does he have any ideas on how to keep small businesses from getting rent gouged out of their storefronts or simply denied lease renewals? We wrote about the bill in Town & Village a few months ago and I'd like to follow up on its status.

Thanks.

Sabina Mollot

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From: [Malegiannakis, Michael](#)
To: [Diaz, Melissa](#)
Subject: RE: Commercial Rent Control
Date: Wednesday, April 13, 2016 2:45:00 PM

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“As a member of the City Council, Mayor Bill de Blasio supported the SBJSA, but he has remained relatively mum on the bill since entering his current office. For many advocates, the hope is that he’ll extend the drive that he has recently demonstrated around housing rent regulations in Albany to the parallel issue for small businesses. However, although he was elected on a ‘helping the little guy’ message and a promise to embrace them, small business owners and their allies also worry that his tendency to meet with representatives from the Real Estate Board and other commercial heavyweights threatens his adherence to their cause. Holding an office that naturally attracts real estate interests, Council Speaker Mark-Viverito has also met with REBNY heads. While neither de Blasio nor Mark-Viverito appears especially cozy with real estate titans, neither has pushed directly on the commercial rent issue either.” **[Why Don’t We Ever Hear About Commercial Rent Policy?, [GOTHAM GAZETTE](#)]**

“Public Advocate Bill de Blasio and Comptroller John Liu have similar histories. In October 2008, then City Councilmembers de Blasio and Liu, both sponsors of the S.B.J.S.A., made stopping the closing of businesses a priority campaign issue. Attending the hearing on the bill, forums and rallies, both were strong voices of support for S.B.J.S.A. to fight economic inequality. They pledged, if elected, to fight rent-gouging and unscrupulous landlords’ extorting cash from small business owners.

...Today, de Blasio and Liu still have similar policies on small business, yet these have changed from last election. Now neither speaks of rent-gouging or illegal extortion — or of the S.B.J.S.A. They stopped referring to small businesses as facing a crisis or needing help to survive. The focus of small businesses’ problems shifted from high rents to excessive fines.” **[Who has the guts to fight for our small businesses?, [THE VILLAGER](#)]**

From: Diaz, Melissa
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2016 2:32 PM
To: Malegiannakis, Michael
Subject: Commercial Rent Control

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From: [Kings County Politics](#)
To: [Center for Economic Opportunity](#)
Subject: Kings County Politics Morning News Bites April 14, 2016
Date: Thursday, April 14, 2016 8:41:41 AM



"This melancholy London - I sometimes imagine that the souls of the lost are compelled to walk through its streets perpetually. One feels them passing like a whiff of air."

- William Butler Yeats, 1865-1939, Irish Poet

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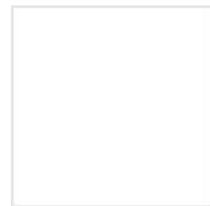
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To: [Viguers, Jonathan](#)
Cc: [REDACTED] [Grybauskas, Stefan](#)
Subject: Re: URSTADT Repeal. Now's the time to organize.
Date: Monday, April 25, 2016 2:01:42 PM

Hello Jonathan,

It looks like the State legislature might flip Democratic.

If so, it'd be a good time to get organized to overturn Urstadt.

The plan I have involves a big city-focused campaign for a home-rule petition - "Take Back NYC Housing" - or something like this.

We'd use this to rally all the relevant groups into a coalition, including the grassroots, neighborhood groups, etc.

And, to get the votes, we'd take the campaign into any districts with Senators opposing this. We'd launch a full campaign - **in their own district** - until they caved, busing in activists and basically drawing unbearable attention to this topic among their own community. Most smaller Towns and Cities understand home-rule - so this would be our message.

To cue this up, we'll have a public whip count of supporters and opposers - and zero in on those blocking our right to govern our own housing laws via the City Council & Mayor.

As part of this coalition, we'd also want to prepare the model NYC housing ordinance, which I'm quite able to facilitate like I did the MA Brownfields Act, and The Equality Act.

When we get people excited about the alternative, it'll be easy to get them to push Urstadt repeal. There's no reason why NYC can not win this.

I can rally such an effort and look forward to talking more about it.

Regards,
Todd

On Wed, Mar 23, 2016 at 9:11 AM, Todd Fernandez <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Thank you Stefan, and hello Jonathan,

It's nice to meet you.

I am very interested in working to repeal the Urstadt law to return power over our real estate laws to the City Council and Mayor.

By way of quick background, I am a seasoned legislative strategist and coalition organizer. Mostly recently, I shifted the national LGBT movement strategy to filing The Equality Act, a comprehensive federal civil rights bill.

I am confident that I can organize and rally NYC to repeal the Urstadt law, and am inspired to tackle this goal.

I'm available any day through March 30th to meet in person, and after that will be reachable by phone, as I'm traveling most of April.

Attached is my resume, for your review.

I look forward to talking more about this soon.

Regards,

Todd Fernandez

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87 Queens Associations stand up for small businesses as they face a crisis to survive caused by exorbitant rent increases. Community leadership sign petition calling on Queens lawmakers to “address the crisis quickly by passing [the Small Business Jobs Survival Act](#), which gives rights to owners to protect and preserve Queens’s businesses and jobs”.

Queens’ community and business groups took an action which until now their lawmakers have refused to do. They made a strong statement that Queens’ small businesses need legislation passed to protect and preserve Queens’ hard working business owners from unfair, manipulated or failed market forces. (See petition at end) Their petition makes clear what every New Yorker knows and what City Hall refuses to acknowledge in public, a crisis exists for our small business owners when their leases expire. With no rights for commercial tenants, the majority of businesses can’t compete with big banks, franchises and speculators in paying exorbitant rent increases or making a reasonable profit under oppressive lease terms. This one-sided broken lease renewal process has destroyed many long established businesses and is making others struggle to survive, and the crisis is getting worse and coming to Queens. The petition calls upon Queens lawmakers to make a priority of finding a real solution quickly. One which will [level the playing field for our businesses when their leases expire](#), and one which will allow them to again bargain in good faith [to negotiate fair lease terms](#) and make a reasonable profit for their hard work and investment.

After reviewing all the proposed options being considered, they call upon all Queens lawmakers to sign onto the [Small Business Jobs Survival Act \(SBJSA\)](#), the only proposal that will actually give small business owners some rights when dealing with their landlords and will guarantee at least a possibility of survival and reasonable lease terms. The SBJSJA is the only real solution to save the businesses because it is the only proposal which gives the tenants [the right to renew their leases](#) as well as the [right to negotiate equally](#) with the landlord for new lease terms. The right to renewal is what the Queens business owners need to survive according to small business advocates lead by Sung Soo Kim, the city’s leading small business expert, often called the* “Godfather of Small Business.” For more than 30 years, Mr. Kim has negotiated thousands of lease renewals for his Korean members and dealt daily with the problems facing small businesses. This is what he says must be the [cornerstone of any successful legislation](#), “The absolute essential component of any law to be successful and save businesses and stop the closing of businesses is *the right to renewal of the lease*. Without this right to protect business owners from either a breakdown or manipulation of the free market, [all proposals will fail and all independent owners in New York City will eventually be forced to close](#).”

Queens’s small business owners deserve rights and respect for their sacrifices and investment made in Queens. Small Businesses are the largest employer, the backbone of the Queens’ economy, and vital to the stability and character of every Queens neighborhood. It is important that all Queens lawmakers take seriously the crisis their business owners face today and make a priority of the petition’s request from the Queens community groups to find a real solution quickly. **Queens community groups do not want what has happened in Manhattan, rent gouging forcing long established businesses to close, which is getting worse and increasing in Brooklyn and Bronx neighborhoods, to happen in Queens.** Last year the city courts evicted on average 542 commercial

businesses per month, with the highest increase in the Bronx, up 30%. Rent gouging is no longer just a Manhattan problem. Along with the sky high rent increases, other landlord abuses are becoming the norm, like illegal extortion of cash from mostly immigrant owners when their leases expire. Also, landlords only giving short term leases (sometimes month to month), to long established businesses so the landlords are in a better position to rent to “deep pocket” franchises.

The petition signers reject proposals keeping the status quo which offer no real solution to the crisis. One proposal gives business owners only the right to a one year extension of the lease to give added time for the business owners to move.Another proposal calls for zoning changes to keep out big chain stores on Main Street....Still another proposal calls for tax incentives to landlords who not raise the commercial rents sky high on business owners. In NYC, all businesses pay the landlords’ property taxes, which makes this proposal worthless. The latest proposal from City Hall to address the high rents forcing businesses to close came from Speaker Mark-Viverito in her State of the City Address. The Speaker said, *“So this year the Council will launch a planning study to develop recommendations for strengthening our small business community through land use policy and other tools, such as tax incentives.”*

At a time when an estimated 1,000 businesses are forced to close each month, small business advocates view her statement as an insult to the city’s struggling small business owners and an insult to those progressive legislators whom the voters elected to stand up to special interests and pass progressive legislation.....The Speaker’s call for another study is the opposite position she took as a council member, when she was a sponsor of the Small Business Jobs Survival Act. As a councilmember she testified, “I am a proud sponsor of Small Business Survival Act, and the Council must be firm and strong.”Small business advocates say the Speaker’s call for another study is not necessary and will only stall a real solution for our desperate business owners who need a real solution now to save them. It is not necessary because Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer, completed a huge multi year study started in May 2014 which involved 21 government agencies and small business organizations and several small business roundtables to gain the facts. From this extensive study she made several recommendations, one of which is now being turned into proposed legislation for the Council to consider. This study reached the same conclusion that the Speaker and Borough President Gale Brewer did, “the mom-and-pop crisis has intensified with a fury.” Furthermore, NYC Comptroller, Scott Stringer formed a Red Tape Commission to advocate for small business owners and discover their major problems and recommend solutions to address them. He held town hall meetings in five boroughs to listen to community activists and business leaders. Instead of a REBNY hand picked stalling study, with the goal of keeping the status quo, the Speaker should begin public hearings on all proposed solutions to address this crisis.

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A new request has been submitted to the Office of the Mayor.

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Request Description: This is a request made under the Freedom of Information Law of the State of New York. This request seeks records and documents from the Office of the Mayor and/or his staff, as indicated below. Please provide to me in electronic (.PDF) format the following records and documents : A. For the period beginning 01 January 2014 and continuing through 01 June 2016, any and all e-mail, correspondence, reports, recommendations, memoranda, motions to discharge, notices of motion to discharge, other motions, other notices, legal reviews, legal opinions, and any other document or record regarding : 1. Small Business Jobs Survival Act (Intro 0402-2014) ; 2. any and all proposals for mediation or negotiation as a form of a commercial lease assistance program to be legislated for the benefit of any commercial tenants, including, but not limited to, small business tenants ; and 3. any and all proposals for tax incentives for landlords as a form of a commercial lease assistance program to be legislated for the ultimate benefit of any commercial tenants, , including, but not limited to, small business tenants . B. In respect of the time period and each of the subjects identified in A. (1 – 3) above, any and all communication between (x) any person employed by, acting as an agent of the City, or otherwise empowered, authorised, or delegated by the Office of the Mayor and (y) each of: 1. any and all officers, employees, agents, or lobbyists of the Real Estate Board of New York (for purposes of identification only, this group's Web site is : rebny.com) ; 2. any and all officers, employees, agents, or lobbyists of the Partnership for New York City (for purposes of identification only, this group's Web site is : pfnyc.org) ; 3. any and all officers, employees, or agents of Rubenstein, the public relations firm (for purposes of identification only, this group's Web site is : rubenstein.com) ; and 4. any and all officers, employees, or agents of Capalino + Company (a.k.a. James F. Capalino & Associates Inc.), the lobbying firm (for purposes of identification only, this group's Web site is : capalino.com). Please acknowledge receipt of this request by the close of business today. Thank you kindly. Best regards, -- Louis Louis Flores Publisher Progress Queens louis.flores@progressqueens.com Skype : maslowsneeds 1 (718) 685-2924 Web : <http://www.progressqueens.com> Twitter : @ProgressQueens Donate : <http://www.progressqueens.com/donate/>

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From Meatpacking's Hogs & Heifers to the East Village's Other Music and Prospect Height's Empire Mayo, the list of beloved small businesses being forced out due to rising rents keeps growing — and so have the calls for greater protections for mom-and-pop shops.

Mayor Bill de Blasio is expected to sign legislation Tuesday establishing safeguards to prevent harassment of commercial tenants, just as there are policies protecting residential tenants.

The legislation aims to make it easier for small businesses to stay in the city, many advocates said.

It would allow small business owners, who felt they were harassed in some way and wrongfully pushed to vacate their space, to recover possession of property, attorney fees and damages amounting to one month's rent or \$1,000 from the landlord — whichever is greater — among other costs.

Harassment includes threats, unnecessary construction or repairs on the property that interfered with business, interruptions to essential services like heat or hot water, and the use of "frivolous" court proceedings against a tenant.

"It's the first time any real meaningful reforms and protections have been created to protect small businesses who don't own their property," said Lena Afridi, policy coordinator from the Association for Neighborhood and Housing Development, which convened a citywide coalition to work on the issue. "It's the first time tenants, who've experienced harassment, will be allowed to

litigate against their landlords.”

The same gentrification pressures that are spurring residential displacement are hitting small businesses, too, Afridi noted. Landlords are making unnecessary repairs or not making needed repairs or even resorting to tactics like those faced by a Bushwick restaurant owner whose landlord turned off her water during her busiest shift a few months back.

“Small businesses make up a neighborhood,” Afridi added. “So, it’s not just small business displacement; it’s really cultural displacement.”

The legislation, however, needs to be strengthened, Afridi noted.

“Despite our excitement, this is a first step,” she said. “The bill needs more power.”

For one, it only applies to tenants who have leases, and many of the immigrant-owned small businesses her group has worked with don’t have leases, Afridi noted.

She’d also like to see some sort of government enforcement of harassment as well as funding to help provide legal services since many small businesses don’t have the money to hire lawyers.

Some small business advocates, led by groups like Take Back NYC, however, say the Small Business Jobs Survival Act would be a bigger help to mom-and-pops since it deals specifically with the commercial lease renewal process.

The act, which has been stalled since its 2014 introduction, would give small businesses rights in the commercial lease renewal process, including a minimum 10-year lease with the right to renewal (to help businesses better plan for their future), a provision for a third party arbiter when parties can’t agree on fair terms for a lease renewal and restrictions to prevent landlords from passing their property taxes on to small businesses.

“It’s not even a band aid,” Ahmad El-Najjar, from Take Back NYC said of the anti-tenant harassment bill. “It’s an insult to the small business community.”

The group says that roughly 1,000 small businesses in the city are forced to close their doors every month — most because they lost their lease.

“With no actual rights to renew your lease, that’s where people are being extorted,” El-Najjar said.

When legendary Meatpacking District bar, Hogs and Heifers, closed last year after more than 20 years on Washington Street, the owner blamed the landlord’s decision to increase the rent to \$60,000 a month.

Though the area has become chic for high-end boutiques and pricey eateries, the bar’s owner Michelle Dell didn’t want to follow suit.

“I sell Pabst Blue Ribbon for \$3. I still sell beer for \$5 or \$6,” she told DNAinfo previously. “I am not a business that can sell a bottle of beer for \$12 and margaritas for \$15.”

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Japan's top policy makers issued a welter of expressions of concern about market conditions Tuesday, hours after the U.S. Treasury chief said in his view there was a measure of "orderliness."

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said he wants his finance minister and the central bank governor to watch markets more closely -- even after both in recent days had highlighted they were monitoring conditions. Abe, whose ruling coalition is trying to strengthen its majority in an election for the upper house of parliament on July 10, said he was still concerned about market risks.

For his part, Finance Minister Taro Aso told reporters in Tokyo after a meeting of top economic officials with the prime minister that nervous moves are continuing. He highlighted that Japan's markets had the biggest collateral move in the wake of the surprise U.K. vote for Brexit.

However, any appetite for intervention to halt a surge in the yen to levels not seen since 2013 might have been denied by Japan's Group of Seven partners. U.S. Treasury Secretary Jacob J. Lew indicated Monday he wasn't supportive of a solo move at this point.

"We've made it clear we will work as the G-7 and G-20 to communicate clearly unilateral action to intervene would be destabilizing," Lew said in an interview with CNBC television. There "has to be a reason based on disorderly markets and the need for there to be action." He also said that the U.S., as a leading economic power, has an important role making sure that such conversations happen "in a responsible way."

Like Japan's officials, Lew said "we're in a particularly volatile moment right now. We're watching exchange rates closely." He also said "there is a kind of orderliness in the markets."

Aso said that for their part, the British didn't ask for coordinated intervention to buy the pound, which has sunk to its lowest levels against the dollar since 1985.

The yen has jumped on a trade-weighted basis to its strongest since Bank of Japan Governor Haruhiko Kuroda unleashed his original monetary-stimulus program in April 2013. The gains threaten to undercut Japanese companies' incentives to invest in the country or raise their cost base by boosting wages.

Without faster wage gains, prospects are slim that Kuroda and Abe can achieve their 2 percent inflation target, and ultimately the objective of faster sustained economic growth.

The Abe administration is planning a fiscal package to be assembled later this year. Economy Minister Nobuteru Ishihara said Tuesday that Abe had given no specific order on stimulus at today's meeting. A senior ruling Liberal Democratic Party member, Toshihiro Nikai, has proposed a 20 trillion yen (\$196 billion) program, the Nikkei newspaper reported.

Will Barack Obama's Democratic Party Wage Bernie Sanders's Class War?

NY MAGAZINE - Jonathan Chait

<http://nymag.com/daily/intelligencer/2016/06/will-obamas-party-wage-bernies-class-war.html>

As the Obama era comes to a close, one question before the Democratic Party is how it ought to regard business. Barack Obama has spent most of his presidency rebutting the accusation that he is a crypto-socialist. "Obama's Radicalism Is Killing the Dow," blared the headline of Stanford economist and respected Republican functionary Michael J. Boskin's March 6, 2009, Wall Street Journal op-ed. The Dow has nearly tripled since then, and while Republicans have dramatically reduced the volume and frequency with which they express their belief that Obama's insidious socialist agenda is strangling prosperity, they never reconsidered it. Over the last year or so, however, the Bernie Sanders campaign subjected Obama to roughly the opposite critique — that

his tepid acquiescence to rampant capitalism has permitted the corporate elite to trample the public interest.

In their surface aspects, the policy agendas proposed by Obama (and Hillary Clinton, his all-but-designated successor) bear a superficial resemblance to Sanders's program. The liberal Obama-Clinton wing, like the democratic-socialist Sanders wing, would increase the minimum wage and Social Security benefits for low-income workers, increase taxes on the rich, tighten regulations on Wall Street, and invest heavily in public infrastructure. Liberals and socialists disagree on more than just the scope of change, though. The philosophical disagreement runs deep — nearly as deep as that between Obama and his right-wing opponents. Obama's recent interview with Bloomberg Businessweek provides fresh insight into a worldview that, for all the party's efforts to paper over the distinctions, is utterly foreign to Sanders.

Obama believes better policies can create more economic growth. ("I do believe we can grow a lot faster than we're growing right now.") More growth means more income for everybody — gains for the poor don't need to come entirely at the expense of the rich.

Sanders, on the other hand, presents the political struggle as a zero-sum conflict. He sees economic growth as almost irrelevant:

The whole size of the economy and the GDP doesn't matter if people continue to work longer hours for low wages and you have 45 million people living in poverty. You can't just continue growth for the sake of growth in a world in which we are struggling with climate change and all kinds of environmental problems. All right? You don't necessarily need a choice of 23 underarm spray deodorants or of 18 different pairs of sneakers when children are hungry in this country. Obama does not believe the rich and the non-rich have identical interests, but he does see their interests as overlapping. In Sanders's view, American society is riven by a zero-sum conflict between the ruling class and everybody else. Class, in his telling, means far more than a rough description for a person's income or level of social need. It is the singular prism through which Sanders views politics. He does not merely argue that people with different incomes have different economic interests. He treats class as the fundamental identity in American society. Sanders describes what he calls "the billionaire class" or "the one percent" — terms he uses interchangeably — as locked in a death struggle against the vast majority of the populace. Obama argues against right-wing economic ideas, while Sanders tends to dispense with the ideas and focus on what he identifies as the self-interest behind it: "a ruling class whose greed is destroying our nation. The billionaire class cannot have it all. Our government belongs to all of us, and not just the one percent."

The difference between these two modes of thought is not merely abstract. Sanders conceives of the conflict as one pitting opposing classes in irresolvable conflict. The billionaire class controls the political system in order to protect its own self-interest, and the only answer is a "revolution" that renders this class economically and politically impotent. Because Obama identifies his adversary as a set of ideas rather than a class, he sees it not so much as venal but as misguided.

The main theme of Obama's Bloomberg Businessweek interview is that his policy goals dovetail with a longer-term and more enlightened understanding of corporate America's self-interest. Obama uttered a version of this belief in the 2008 campaign, when he told an Ohio man, "I think when you spread the wealth around, it's good for everybody." That belief was considered so dangerously radical that it became a first-order campaign gaffe (and launched his interlocutor, "Joe the Plumber," into minor fame and a political career). The controversial element of the remark was Obama's endorsement of "spread[ing] the wealth around," but this was merely a slightly impolitic expression of a long-standing Democratic belief in a more progressive tax and transfer policy. It is

the other half of Obama's statement, that more redistribution is good for everybody, that sets him apart from Sanders.

In his interview, Obama concedes that Wall Street resents his regulation of the financial industry, and concedes that it has reduced the industry's profitability (which it demonstrably has). Nonetheless, Obama argues that the increased stability of the financial system is good not only for business overall but for the financial system, too:

When we put forward regulations that make mortgages simpler and more intelligible to consumers, that may be bad for somebody's short-term bottom line—if their business model is built on pushing out shaky loans to consumers. But it will actually be good for the housing market and for the financial system as a whole if people know what they're buying and they can afford the mortgages they take on.

Obama likewise extends the case to higher wages:

You know, if I am a CEO in a boardroom right now, I should be thinking about, how do I make sure my workers are making a decent wage? And if I'm a shareholder, that is something I should be paying attention to, too, because if you're not, that's when you start getting the kinds of political pushback that you're seeing here in the United States. That's how you start getting a Brexit campaign. Over time, you'll strangle this goose that's been laying you all these golden eggs. Share the eggs.

In Obama's telling, his opponents are foolishly greedy, defending their short-term interests at the expense of their long-term interests. In Sanders's telling, they are shrewdly and correctly greedy.

Gender Pay Gap In Asian Property Profession Shows Mid-Career Strategy Is Key

FORBES - Alex Frew McMillan

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/alexfrewmcmillan/2016/06/28/vast-gap-between-male-and-female-pay-shows-negotiation-is-key/#5fdb203ea6a5>

There is a shocking wage difference between men and women in Asia in the real estate profession, according to research from Macdonald & Co.

Male real-estate executives earned an average of US\$100,720 in 2015, a 47.6% premium over the US\$68,225 that a female property professional makes, the property-recruitment agency found. That is down from 73.1% the previous year – but still a dramatic difference.

Men and women start out with similar pay at the beginning of their careers. Women actually earn more than men between the ages of 18 and 24, at US\$13,359 to US\$9,825 for men. But the gap expands dramatically once property professionals hit middle age. Between the ages of 41 and 50, there is a difference of 59.0%. That difference remains at 34.4% between 51 and 60, the peak earning years. Men of that age can expect to make US\$140,685 to US\$104,468 to their female counterparts.

The gap GPS -1.62% then narrows again. Once property professionals are hitting retirement around 60, the disparity is almost insignificant, with men making 1.2% more, at US\$131,556 compared with US\$131,000 for females.

But it is those years between 40 and 60 that are most important – they are the prime earning years for senior executives. Macdonald & Co. notes that although women and men start out on similar salaries, the discrepancy may occur through a series of appraisals and salary negotiations over time. That could be because men are tougher negotiators and better networkers, Macdonald suggests, although of course that's hard to prove.

Nevertheless, it is important for women to build a strong relationship with their superiors, finding some common ground outside work, the recruitment company says. It doesn't just have to be about sports! Television, travel and the theater are all promising topics, according to Macdonald. A personal conversation or a shared lunch can work wonders. The research company also suggests that women seek out a mentor who can coach them over the course of their careers.

Macdonald also says it is vital for women to promote their own achievements, even as part of a team. Female executives should also keep track of their external value, to ensure they are not underpaid.

Jewish Groups Cheer Supreme Court Ruling Backing Abortion Rights

FORWARD - Julie Wiener

<http://forward.com/news/breaking-news/343759/jewish-groups-cheer-supreme-court-ruling-backing-abortion-rights/>

Several national Jewish organizations applauded the U.S. Supreme Court's decision on Monday striking down a Texas law that restricted access to abortion.

In a 5-3 ruling, the Supreme Court said the HB2 law, which mandates that doctors performing abortions have admitting privileges at nearby hospitals, was unconstitutional. The law would have required nearly half the state's abortion clinics to shut down.

Texas officials said the law was intended to protect women's health.

"The court's decision appropriately recognizes the real-life impact of HB2 on access to abortion," said Deborah Lauter, the Anti-Defamation League's senior vice president of policy and programs, in a news release. "This ruling is a victory for reproductive justice and gender equality in America."

ADL was among the 48 organizations that joined with the National Women's Law Center on a friend-of-the-court brief in the case of Whole Women's Health v. Hellerstedt that highlighted the negative impact of the restrictions on women, particularly those of color, with low incomes and in low-wage jobs. Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, Jewish Women International and Women of Reform Judaism also signed on to the brief.

Rabbi Jonah Dov Pesner, director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, also praised the ruling, saying in a statement that it strikes down "unnecessarily burdensome and medically inaccurate provisions that aimed to restrict access to abortion."

"This historic decision ensures that women in Texas and across the United States face fewer barriers to receiving legal healthcare services," Pesner continued. "Jewish tradition teaches the importance of a woman's ability to make her own healthcare decisions. That principle is as true today as it was in Medieval times when Jewish physician and philosopher Maimonides wrote that 'Women are commanded to care for the health and well-being of their bodies above all else.'"

In another statement, Nancy Kaufman of the National Council of Jewish Women called the ruling a "huge victory for every woman who seeks to make her own decisions about her health, family, and future. It goes a long way toward restoring the promise of Roe v. Wade — that abortion is a right protected by the US constitution."

Jewish Women International CEO Lori Weinstein said in a statement that the ruling "affirmed what women and advocates have long known: That sham laws like HB2 are 'a substantial obstacle' for women seeking abortion, and that this type of 'undue burden on abortion access' is absolutely

unconstitutional.”

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, in a concurring opinion, dismissed the state’s contention that the construction of costly ambulatory surgical centers for a relatively safe procedure like abortion was intended to protect women’s health.

“The Texas law called H. B. 2 inevitably will reduce the number of clinics and doctors allowed to provide abortion services,” Ginsburg wrote. “It is beyond rational belief that H. B. 2 could genuinely protect the health of women.”

A Fresh Look at Globalization

HUFFINGTON POST - David Lipton

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/david-lipton/a-fresh-look-at-globaliza_b_10708792.html

There were a lot of dramatic headlines over the weekend suggesting that Brexit signals the beginning of the end of globalization. Surely, it is too soon to understand all the ramifications of the British referendum. But at the same time, today is surely a good day to make the case for multilateralism. While there are plenty of reasons to be concerned about the future, I will argue that globalization still has promise. But to achieve that promise, we will need a fresh look at multilateralism and the role the international financial institutions can play.

My generation can be excused for assuming that history moves in one direction: We have experienced globalization and with it rising incomes and economic progress at home and abroad. Our experience was different than our parents’ generation, which came of age experiencing depression and war.

But now the Brexit vote raises the possibility of an abrupt change in direction. While that vote may have hinged on sentiments about migration and sovereignty, its effect will be the withdrawal of the U.K. from one of the greatest projects of economic integration.

European unity has been part of our generation’s narrative. From the creation of the coal and steel community in 1951, to the creation of the euro, to the re-integration of central and eastern Europe. Brexit is, at the least, an interruption in that integration process.

Could the same doubts that gave rise to Brexit lead to an interruption in globalization?

Many people say globalization is unstoppable. Integration has been achieved. There is no going back. I hope so. But Brexit and the economic trends in the world should cause us to pause, and to think again about irreversibility.

Despite decades of deepening integration, many have come to question whether closer global integration will bring them meaningful benefits, and they see costs and vulnerabilities, both economic, but also social and cultural. Without clear economic benefits, the costs, including a sense of lack of control, can dominate public opinion.

The critics can point to evidence: for people in advanced economies, the global financial crisis was a hit to wealth and, for many, retirement prospects; and growth recovery is still sluggish. People feel the effects of income inequality, stagnating wages, and a lack of job security; and they sense and fear market volatility.

At one level, we have to admit that there are some economic forces at play we don’t yet fully understand: we cannot satisfactorily answer some important questions. Are we in secular stagnation? Does the trend toward lower real interest rates over the last 15 years reflect a drying up

of investment possibilities? We will need to continue looking at these questions.

So what can we say? Let me make three points:

First, globalization has lifted hundreds of millions of people out of poverty and raised the living standards across the globe. There is every reason to believe it still holds the promise of supporting rising living standards in advanced economies and emerging markets and developing countries alike. But to preserve and protect that promise, we will have to work to enhance the gains of globalization, limit the costs and vulnerabilities, and make the case to a skeptical public.

Second, as has always been the case, much of what needs to be done requires action at the individual country level. We at the Fund have called for a three prong approach to boosting growth, with support for demand coming from both fiscal and monetary policies, and with structural reforms tailored to support demand in the short run and to boost potential growth over time. While this remains the right recipe, it is clear that individual governments see limits to their room for maneuver, and so far have not made sufficient progress.

And third, we need multilateralism now more than ever. Part of the political problem today is that national leaders cannot really solve domestic problems, nor fulfill the aspirations of their people, with domestic action. That is because their country's prospects depend too heavily on global prospects.

So, we need everyone pushing in the same direction at the same time. That is why it is important for the IMF to rally its membership to act in harmony. With each country doing its part, the impact will be greater, and leaders can have some greater assurance that growth will be based on demand creation, not demand diversion.

And we also need to consider how to make sure that the international monetary system is supportive of individual country efforts, creating growth opportunities and lowering vulnerabilities.

When I say this, I have a couple things in mind. Even if the advanced economies are facing a form of secular stagnation, in principle the emerging markets and developing countries hold the potential to be the engine of growth over the next generation, as rapid growth leads to convergence in living standards toward advanced levels. However, we are seeing a perverse slowdown in potential growth in emerging markets and developing countries. With present projections, many large emerging markets cannot expect to see convergence at all. That is perverse because with the availability of technology, Internet communications creating educational opportunities, and ample funds for investment, those countries should be accelerating and speeding convergence in living standards.

Now surely, emerging markets and developing countries still have much to do at home to adjust to global events and foster faster growth. But the volatility of the global economy and especially of large flows of short term capital has not been helping. Rather it is leading emerging markets and developing countries to have to act defensively, guarding against openness, worrying about borrowing and current account deficits, and self-insuring with weak currencies and reserve accumulation.

Re-examination of the international monetary system can help here. We can re-assess how macro prudential and capital flow measures can provide protection. We can ask how to promote growth supporting equity flows. And how we can better promote technology transfer.

And we can create a better global financial safety net, including through IMF coordination with regional financing arrangements, and possibly new IMF lending facilities.

There is also room for cooperation with the new multilateral institutions like the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, whose formation we welcome.

Let me end by observing that the new normal in global economics has a parallel in global politics. Ian Bremmer of the Eurasia Group has dubbed this a “G-zero”, a world characterized by a “vacuum of global governance”. Hegemony, for better or worse, no longer prevails. Nor are traditional security relationships coping with the evolution of security challenges. With a growing number of important geo-political risks, and their adverse impacts on economic growth and stability, we will need to pay more attention to the interplay between economics and geopolitics. We see this already in addressing events in the Middle East, Africa, and the refugee issue in Europe.

In the economic realm, the IMF can be a voice for global cooperation and collective action. The IMF is stronger than ever, and better able to deal with economic challenges. Now we must continue to address the new challenges that arise with creative, multilateral solutions that can respond to our rapidly changing world.

Another City Just Enacted A \$15 Minimum Wage

HUFFINGTON POST - Dave Jamieson

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/washington-dc-15-minimum-wage_us_5771b395e4b0dbb1bbbbb24

District of Columbia Mayor Muriel Bowser (D) signed legislation Monday that will gradually hike the city’s minimum wage to \$15, the latest in a string of victories for the union-backed Fight for \$15 campaign.

At a signing ceremony at a D.C. pizzeria, Bowser argued that cities should lead the way in raising the minimum wage, just as they have in recent years.

“City councils and mayors can get the job done when it’s not done in Congress,” Bowser told a crowd of supporters and union members.

D.C.’s minimum wage had already been slated to rise from its current \$10.50 to \$11.50 per hour later this week. Under the new law, it will continue to increase each year, until it hits \$15 in 2020. After that, the rate will be adjusted annually according to an inflation index. The schedule of hikes will put the wage floor in D.C. — one of the country’s most expensive cities — far above the federal minimum wage, which remains \$7.25.

It was only 2 1/2 years ago that the D.C. Council passed a different bill that would increase the minimum wage by more than \$3 an hour, and tie it to inflation in perpetuity — one of the most liberal measures in the country at the time. But in a sign of just how far the minimum wage debate has moved since then, city lawmakers took up a new, more aggressive proposal this year that would boost the wage floor more rapidly.

Not long ago, the thought of a \$15 minimum wage was practically unimaginable. But labor unions and worker advocacy groups have had tremendous success pushing ambitious plans through city councils and state legislatures, despite strong opposition from business groups that say such an unprecedented wage floor will hurt employment. Seattle, San Francisco and Los Angeles all have passed \$15 laws, as have the states of California and New York.

Like in Seattle, D.C.’s minimum wage plan succeeded in large part because of the threat of a ballot measure. The plan signed by Bowser on Monday will have only a modest minimum wage increase

for tipped workers, rising from its current \$2.77 to just \$5 per hour before tips (employers are obligated to make up the difference if tips don't put a worker over \$15). Labor groups wanted \$15 for all workers, and could have put such a measure before voters. In a win for the city's restaurant industry, Bowser and members of the council precluded that with the legislation signed Monday.

The minimum wage tends to poll very well, and voters in many liberal cities have not shied away from \$15. Delvone Michael, director of D.C. Working Families, said a ballot measure likely would have succeeded, taking the fate of the minimum wage out of legislators' hands.

"Without pressure from working families, the council would not have acted," Michael, whose group campaigned for the ballot measure, told The Huffington Post. "Sometimes it takes people to show the council the way."

Michael said the raise for restaurant workers was a "step in the right direction," though not as significant as backers had wanted. The city's bars and restaurants launched a campaign aimed at beating back a dramatic rise in the tipped minimum wage, which is lower than the normal minimum wage in the majority of states. The industry warned that a \$15 minimum wage would effectively end gratuities for servers and bartenders. Labor activists have been campaigning to end the tipped minimum wage at the federal and local levels, arguing that it creates a two-tier system and exacerbates income inequality.

The effects of the D.C. minimum wage law will be vast. The Economic Policy Institute, a left-leaning think tank, says the law would boost the hourly pay of roughly a fifth of the city's private-sector workers. The D.C. Chamber of Commerce, meanwhile, has predicted that employers would cut benefits and reduce hiring to compensate the higher wages they must pay.

One local business that wasn't buying that argument was &pizza, the D.C.-based pizza chain that hosted the bill signing. Liam Patrick, the company's CFO, told HuffPost that &pizza, which has 15 locations in the area, campaigned for \$15 because it already paid above minimum wage, and managers felt they could stand to pay more. Asked if that was a lonely position to stake out as a business, Patrick laughed and said, "There's not that many that want this to happen."

"Your employees really fuel the growth of the brand and not everybody sees it that way," Patrick said. "We think that over the long term, you will grow and you will build your restaurant through your employees. Paying them the bare minimum doesn't cut it."

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TONIGHT! Tues., Aug. 2, 5-8PM: "Night Out on Crime," at Lodati Park, Skillman Ave. near 43rd St. in Sunnyside. The 108 Police Community Council holds this free annual event with fun for the family: pony rides, DJ, refreshments, bouncy toys, and plenty of police protection!



Fri. thru Sun., Aug 26 - 28: 25% off at Macy's. Purchase a \$5 Savings Pass and 100% of what you buy goes to the River Fund, which feeds the hungry, and will gets 100% of the proceeds. Bd. Member Kris Czerniachowicz, development dir. for River Fund, will be glad to deliver the Savings Pass to you in advance! Call Kris at [646-552-8165](tel:646-552-8165) or [email](#).



Sun. Aug. 28, 1-2:20PM: The free “90 Min. of Health” at Lowery Plaza sponsored by Sunnyside Chamber, with a thank you to Sunnyside Shines, with 9 mind and body wellness pros of Queens, with free demos, great raffles, tips, samples, organized by Bd. Member Eric Barthels, of Cooldown Juice, selected to provide organic juice to the Mets!



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OTHER COMING EVENTS

Sat., Aug. 6, 6PM: Bix Beiderbecke Concert, 46th Street & Queens Blvd. 16th annual memorial to the jazz great, 1903-1931, who lived on 46th St. at the time of his death.

Sat., Sept. 10, 9:30AM: The Sunnyside Post Mile 2nd annual run presented by Sunnyside Woodside Runners, children & pets sections too, with proceeds to local non-profits. See for [more info](#) or [email](#).

Sun., Sept. 18 Noon-4: Chamber “Community Concerns Forum | Queens” Knowledgeable

speakers including SBJSA expert Steve Null. [Email](#) Chamber officer Melissa Orlando.

Also in Sept.: Dime Bank Mixer, Raffles, Refreshments, Speaker: “What's that buzzing? Does small biz needs to accept EMV chip credit card?” Organized by Chamber member C. Vindy Persaud, Branch Mgr.

Sun., Oct. 10: 1PM: Kiwanis Club of Sunnyside holds their annual awards ceremony at Dazies Restaurant, honoring William Sadd, Hon. Mike Gianaris, Artie Weiner, Michael Grimes, Howard Brickman and installing Carol Masiello & Tony Lana. [Email](#) for tickets or ads.

Tues., Oct. 18, 6-9PM, “Luke Adams Sunnysider of the Year” at Tangra Fusion from Sunnyside Chamber & Sunnyside Artists. 2017 Winner announced soon!

Sun., Nov. 13, 9:30-4:30, Sunnyside Artists present “Crafts & Fine Art Fair,” Queen of Angels Parish Hall, street level.

Tues., Dec 13, 6PM: Sabba Park holiday lighting, Bliss Plaza caroling & prix fixe dinner afterward. Santa Claus has confirmed!

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Dear Mayor de Blasio:

I strongly urge you to support Intro. 0402-2014 the Small Business Jobs Survival Act (SBJSA), and to allow a hearing and a vote on the bill as soon as possible.

Small businesses in our city are under tremendous pressure, and we are losing them on a daily basis. Longtime stores and restaurants that have been an integral part of the success of our neighborhoods are being forced out, in many ways a victim of their own success. Other small independent businesses that provide necessary services to local communities are being pushed out by ever-increasing rents and competition from chain stores. Our city and our neighborhoods are losing these vital and necessary institutions which keep them livable while providing invaluable jobs and economic opportunity.

SBJSA will help even the playing field and give small businesses a greater opportunity to remain in place and secure reasonable rents they can afford. Without such action, we will likely only see the rate of loss of small businesses in our neighborhoods accelerate beyond the already disturbing pace. I urge you to support and allow a vote on this bill right away.

JOHN VACCARO

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Bill de Blasio – This petition addressed to you on Change.org has new activity. See progress and respond to the campaign's supporters.

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Staten Island, NY · Sep 13, 2016

The fabric and history of NYC is being destroyed while the mayor and his administration do nothing. The city is become a hollow shell of its former self.



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Woodside, NY · Sep 13, 2016

This has got to stop!!!

Mindy Ohringer



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Dear Mayor de Blasio:

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Several groups will host a panel discussion about development and gentrification in the neighborhood Sunday, talking about rising rents in western Queens and ways to keep residents from being priced out of the area.

The panel — dubbed "Jobs, Homes and 'Hoods, Queens is Here to Stay" — will take place at Queen of Angels Parish from 1 to 3 p.m. and will tackle topics like displacement and how to keep small businesses afloat.

"People in western Queens are very concerned about overdevelopment especially in Long Island City, and what it means for places like Sunnyside and Woodside," said Amy Paul, director of Woodside on the Move, one of 11 groups sponsoring the event.

"Just because you live in Woodside today doesn't mean you can afford to live in Woodside tomorrow," she said.

She said the event was spurred by a number of recent events, including the controversial Phipps Houses development proposed for Barnett Avenue — an affordable housing project that many critics say is still too expensive for most residents.

The panel will also discuss and advocate for passage of the Small Business Jobs Survival Act, which would grant more rights to the city's commercial tenants.

Other topics will include the potential impact of the proposed Brooklyn-Queens Street Car and Mayor Bill de Blasio's citywide rezonings that were passed this spring.

"They're all interconnected, the topics, and they're all under the overarching theme of gentrification and displacement," said Kirsten Theodos, an advocate with TakeBackNYC, a group pushing for the Small Business Jobs Survival Act that's helping organize the panel.

"The people of New York are not stupid — they know what's happening," she said. "The more luxury housing that comes into a community is going to drive up rents for everybody, and it's going to displace people."

The discussion will take place Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m. at Queen of Angels Parish Center, located on the corner of 44th Street and Skillman Avenue in Sunnyside. It is open to all.

From: [Anderson, Dawnn](#)
To: [Diaz, Melissa](#)
Subject: VILLAGE VOICE: Opinion: Law That Would Help NYC From Being Strangled By Chain Stores Is Deserted By City Council
Date: Friday, September 30, 2016 8:18:00 AM

Good Morning Melissa,



Opinion: Law That Would Help NYC From Being Strangled By Chain Stores Is Deserted By City Council

VILLAGE VOICE – Max Rivlin-Nadler

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To: [Golvin, Jake](#)
Subject: FW: Intro. 0402-2014 - the Small Business Jobs Survival Act and other measures to protect small businesses and limit chain store proliferation
Date: Wednesday, October 05, 2016 10:26:00 AM

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From: Joan Walker [<mailto:TwitchinKitten@verion.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, October 05, 2016 10:25 AM
To: de Blasio, Bill
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I would like to add a personal note at this time:

Having been born in NYC and moved away, I desperately want to come back home, but things like this have made it a pipe dream. Rents and properties are out of control making it hard for anyone to move back there unless you make well over 6 figures. The "gentrification" of NYC has made the old saying, "You can't go back home" absolutely true.

Joan Walker
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From: [Beverly Sparks](#)
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Subject: In support of the SBJSA
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Dear Mayor de Blasio:

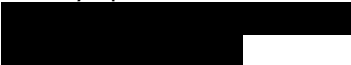
I have only lived in New York for 20 years, but it is more than half my life. It breaks my heart to see disappearing the city businesses that painted the background to much of my coming of age and young adulthood. Lots of the time I feel like there is no place for me here anymore (and if I am having trouble eking out a space for myself as a middle class public school teacher, there are thousands and thousands more who have it much harder than I). There are only big chain stores anywhere I turn, and Broadway looks like a mall from 125th street all the way down. This is no way for people to live and work. I strongly urge you to support Intro. 0402-2014 the Small Business Jobs Survival Act (SBJSA), and to support other measures to protect small businesses and limit chain store proliferation in our neighborhoods.

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Kindly,
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A person's zip code is the greatest predictor of their health. As a foundation for quality of life, health is shaped by every domain of public policy from economic development to transportation, crime, education and housing. In East Harlem, there is a rich network of dedicated community organizations, healthcare providers and academic institutions devoted to improving the health of the community by making homes free and clear of mold, providing seniors support for aging in place, advocating for food security and increasing access to medical care.



4

SENIORS

16.8%
of East Harlem
residents are
**60 and
over**

Of all East Harlem
Seniors



40.1%
are living alone



31.9%
have difficulty with
their mobility



35.5%
don't speak English as
their primary language

Source: 2008-2011 ACS 3-year PUMS,
compiled by DFTA

POVERTY



42%
of East Harlem seniors are living in poverty

Source: 2008-2011 ACS 3-year PUMS, compiled by DFTA

LIFE EXPECTANCY

East Harlem

76
years

Upper East Side

85
years

Source: NYC DOHMH, Bureau of Vital Statistics, 2003-2012

East Harlem

70%
of residents

Upper East Side

92%
of residents

report their own health as good

CHILD ASTHMA HOSPITALIZATIONS

(per 10,000 children ages 5-14)

East
Harlem



NYC
Average



Source: New York State Department of Health, Statewide Planning and Research Cooperative System, 2012-2013

Despite having such assets, East Harlem has sub-par health outcomes.

- Life expectancy in East Harlem is 76 years, one of the shortest in the city, and is plagued by various health disparities including asthma, heart disease, diabetes and infant mortality.
- Additionally, East Harlem has some of the highest rates of hospitalizations related to asthma, psychiatric issues, substance abuse and violence in the city. Addressing these issues require multiple actions, including environmental efforts to improve air quality and mold, efforts to strengthen community care-taking and changes to the built environment.

Older people have helped make New York City the incredible city it is today. They built our infrastructure, led social justice movements, made major advances in health care and technology and fueled our thriving economy. Older East Harlem residents are a part of this legacy and are key to preserving the history and culture of the community.

OBJECTIVES & RECOMMENDATIONS

1.

Create a local food system in East Harlem to improve access to healthy, affordable and quality food.

1.1

Amend the Food Retail Expansion to Support Health (FRESH) program to allow for a variance for food cooperatives and nonprofit grocers to be eligible for zoning and tax incentives under the program. ●●

1.2

Establish a year round comprehensive farmer's market in La Marqueta that is affordable to residents and businesses.

1.3

Increase funding and expansion of food box programs. Ensure that new pick-up sites are evenly distributed throughout East Harlem utilizing Grow NYC's 6 block radius threshold.

1.4

Increase food production/manufacturing and commercial kitchen spaces through light industrial zoning in East Harlem (see zoning rec 2.2). This would include establishing wash, chop & bag facilities that can cater to schools, senior centers, and other places that regularly prepare large quantities of food as part of their programs.

2.

Improve health service coordination and access.

2.1

Identify capital support for the Neighborhood Health Action Center, including assisting community organizations with building out the spaces that they will operate.

2.2

Increase funding for HIV prevention programming & services in East Harlem. Increase the number of supportive housing units for those living with HIV/AIDS and/or make this cohort the primary set aside for supportive housing units in East Harlem.

2.3

Conduct feasibility study to determine the placement and number of new Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC's) and Primary Care Clinics in East Harlem with a focus on the geographic middle of district boundaries.

2.4

Designate East Harlem as a priority community for the rollout of Direct Access NYC to ensure that East Harlem residents who are immigrants have access to the myriad of services, programs and initiatives under Direct Access NYC, including more translation services at neighborhood health facilities for Cantonese, Mandarin, Spanish and French speakers. ●●

2.5

Decrease the number of uninsured residents through equitable distribution of health insurance navigator programs.

2.6

Select East Harlem as a priority neighborhood for the rollout of Thrive NYC Initiatives including: Mental Health First Aid Training, NYC Mental Health Corps, Youth Mental Health First Aid.

3.

Create a neighborhood environment that allows for seniors to age in place comfortably.

3.1

Create an Aging Improvement District boundary designation building off the Neighborhood NORC (Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities) designation definition. The density and number of persons over age 50 in a given area is to be considered. Businesses, development projects, etc would be encouraged through use of existing incentives to make physical plants, services, goods age-friendly. Example: businesses in an age-friendly district would be allowed to use SBS storefront improvement funds to make age-friendly physical improvements. Note: The Mayor's Age-friendly NYC Commission should do this.

3.2

Prioritize built environment improvements called for in the East Harlem Age-friendly Neighborhood Action Plan, including ensuring the pedestrian plaza at 125th St. and Park Ave. is inclusive of older adults in its design and on-going programming.

3.3

For affordable units created on privately owned sites through MIH, ensure that they are built with accessibility features that cater to seniors, and that preference for some percentage of units is given to seniors.

4.

Enhance the built environment to promote health.

4.1

Work with NYCHA to ensure that proper connections are made through its waterfront developments leading to the Randall's Island footbridge at 103rd Street. Wayfinding, markings, and signage are required to identify routes from First Avenue, as well as dedicated bicycle and pedestrian routes and pavement and sidewalk improvements. While NYCHA must provide these on its property, DOT can provide technical

assistance and design guidelines for greenway connections. Coordination is also needed with NYCHA to ensure that scaffolding does not obscure route across 102nd St.

4.2

Establish a Health District in East Harlem centered around the Neighborhood Health Action Center. Health districts are places where healthy choices are the easiest ones to make. They are places to heal, work, and live where new ideas on improving healthcare and public health can be developed, tested, and disseminated. A health district holistically connects the community to hospitals, health department offices, healthy food and commercial options, health-related incubators and technology, and career training.

4.3

Establish a multi-generational playground in East Harlem that has options for seniors and adults. Explore solutions to current DPR regulations preventing seniors from using seating near playgrounds. ●●

5.

Foster safe and healthy living environments.

5.1

Encourage the adoption of the Active Design Guidelines: Affordable designs for Affordable Housing as an industry standard in East Harlem. ●●

5.2

To the greatest extent possible, renovation and new construction should implement health promoting practices including building envelope restoration; new heating, electrical, and ventilation systems; air sealing; new insulation and exterior cladding; window replacement; Energy Star fixtures and appliances; asbestos and mold abatement; apartment gut retrofits; low volatile organic chemical and moisture resistant materials; exercise enhancements; and indoor no smoking policy.

The EHNP Steering Committee has recommended that a Health Impact Assessment (HIA) be conducted on subsequent ULURP processes, transportation plans, and NYCHA infill projects in East Harlem. More details on the HIA recommendation are outlined on pages 126-127 of this report.

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PRECEDENTS



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Multi-generational playground in Benidorm, Spain, By ClemMcGann (Own work) [Public domain], via Wikimedia Commons

Active Design Guidelines

Active design means harnessing the interior and exterior built environment to promote physical activity and a healthier population. Active design can be as simple as constructing buildings to facilitate users taking the stairs instead of the elevator. The Center for Active Design compiles strategies into Active Design Guidelines,¹ which promote active transportation options, greater physical activity within buildings, better spaces for active recreation and increased access to fresh food options.²

This precedent relates to Recommendation 5.1

¹ <http://centerforactivedesign.org/guidelines/>

² <http://centerforactivedesign.org/ourapproach>

Multi-generational Playgrounds

Multi-generational playgrounds and outdoor gyms serve as places where children, adults and seniors of varying abilities can spend time outdoors, exercise and practice a healthy lifestyle. These playgrounds feature equipment traditionally used for children, and mix in senior and adult-friendly equipment.

The multi-generational approach to outdoor play is spreading across the nation. This concept is in part borrowed from cities in China and Europe, where outdoor fitness areas for adults have become routine. The Green Heart playground in Hull, Yorkshire is an especially unique type of playground where users can charge cell phones, power lights at the workout station and even contribute power to nearby buildings.³ Closer to home, Macombs Dam Park in the Bronx features a state of the art adult playground, complete with comprehensive workout areas and equipment with moving pieces.⁴

This precedent relates to Recommendation 4.3

³ <http://www.gizmag.com/tgo-green-heart-electricity-generating-gym/23078/>

⁴ <http://www.nytimes.com/2012/07/01/nyregion/new-york-introduces-its-rst-adult-playground.html>

Improving Immigrant Access to Health Care in New York City

A Report from the Mayor's Task Force
on Immigrant Health Care Access
Liliana Barios-Paoli, Chair



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Direct Access NYC

In late 2015, Mayor de Blasio announced the launch of Direct Access NYC, based on the report by the Mayor's Task Force on Immigrant Health Care Access. Direct Access, set to begin in 2016, seeks to provide reliable and more easily accessible health care opportunities for foreign-born residents who are uninsured and susceptible to poor health. The program seeks to increase the cultural and language competencies within the healthcare system, increase awareness of coverage options and increase accessibility to healthcare services.¹

This precedent relates to Recommendation 2.4

¹ <http://www1.nyc.gov/ofce-of-the-mayor/news/701-15/mayor-de-blasio-plan-improve-immigrant-access-health-care-services>

FRESH Program

New York City's Food Retail Expansion to Support Health (FRESH) program aims to increase access to fresh and nutritious foods in underserved parts of the city. The city designates FRESH-eligible areas, meaning that zoning and financial benefits are available for projects that bring grocery stores to designated neighborhoods. Since the program's launch in 2009, 20 projects have been approved.² Together, they will provide approximately 590,000 square feet of grocery store space, retain 500 jobs and create 940 new jobs.³ The FRESH program surveyed customers in these new stores: 96 percent of respondents believe that the new store increased their access to fresh produce, and 80 percent of customers agree that they now purchase more fruits and vegetables.⁴

This precedent relates to Recommendation 1.1

² <http://www.nyc.gov/html/misc/html/2009/fresh.shtml>

³ <http://www.nycedc.com/program/food-retail-expansion-support-health-fresh>

⁴ <http://www.nycedc.com/system/les/les/program/FRESH%20Impact%20Report.pdf>

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FINAL COMMUNITY FORUM

**Jan 27th, 2016
6–9pm**

at El Museo del Barrio

350 Participants

The Final Community Forum was part large-scale report back, part community celebration and part open dialogue. The event showcased all of the objectives and recommendations developed by each subgroup. Community members had the opportunity to prioritize and give feedback on each of the 61 objectives and 232 recommendations previously voted on and approved by the Steering Committee. The session began with an overview and background presentation about the EHNP process that outlined the way recommendations of the plan were developed

and approved. Participants then walked through El Museo del Barrio to individual stations for each of the 12 neighborhood planning topics to talk to the subgroup leads, read through the objectives and recommendations and prioritize their top objectives. A Q&A session was also held with a panel of Project Partners, Steering Committee Members and Subgroup participants. The evening wrapped up with food, drinks and music by local East Harlem musical phenomenon, Zon del Barrio.



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

The Steering Committee wishes to see a more expansive environmental impact analysis framework for any Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) related to a zoning text or mapping amendment in the East Harlem community. The broader framework should take into account qualitative information, use the CEQR process as an educational and engagement opportunity with the community, and institute a feedback model for compliance and implementation of mitigation measures.

The purpose and need of the environmental review should explicitly cite and include the objectives of the East Harlem Neighborhood Plan, specifically the overarching goal of a vibrant, thriving, livable and affordable East Harlem. The findings should be analyzed from the perspective of the positions laid out in East Harlem Neighborhood Plan.

In addition to requesting an enhanced EIS be conducted, a supplementary integrated impact study should be completed as part of any proposal for East Harlem, utilizing quantitative and qualitative tools. The purpose of this study is to evaluate the potential for non-traditional unanticipated impacts and serve as a guide to bolster the respective subgroup objectives and gauge the impact on vulnerable sub-populations.

Standards for public engagement should go beyond the minimum requirements laid out in the CEQR manual and should use the process as an opportunity to ensure a more comprehensive proposal.

- ✓ The scoping notice and the draft scope of work should be available in multiple languages, and an extended review time frame beyond the minimum 30 days for public review and comment should be provided.

- ✓ In order to fully engage the community, a minimum of two scoping sessions should be held, one during the day, one at night, with childcare provided, and scoping sessions should have translation services available. The noticing of these sessions should be sent to local neighborhood papers and a good-faith effort made to flyer NYCHA developments and major transit hubs.
- ✓ Updates during the environmental review process should be provided on a regular basis by meeting with the Community Board and providing updated handouts available in multiple languages.

1.

Recommendations for an Integrated Impact Statement

ECONOMIC IMPACTS

Examine how the recommendations may impact local businesses, neighborhood income distribution, human capital, employment, and real estate prices.

HEALTH IMPACTS

Examine how recommendations may impact community health using a social determinants of health perspective; including how access to goods, services, employment, safe and affordable housing, as well as open space contributes to the general well-being and health for the residents of East Harlem.

SOCIAL IMPACTS

Examine the impact of the recommendations on social factors such as gang and youth violence, child development, mental health and social capital.

EQUITY ASSESSMENT

Examine whether recommendations will have differential impacts on vulnerable sub-populations such as people who are homeless, physically disabled, and racial/ethnic minorities.

HOUSING AFFORDABILITY IMPACTS

Analysis of how new development will affect housing affordability for low-income residents.

2.

Recommendations for an Enhanced Environmental Review

SOCIOECONOMIC CONDITIONS

Establish baselines regarding displacement, warehousing of existing residential units, neighborhood specific business challenges, and housing rents in the informal market.

Assess the impacts of development on construction workforce job quality, living wages, local hiring, absence of prevailing wage requirement and the availability of apprenticeship programs.

Study job generation as a result of the rezoning and how job and economic sector growth is benefitting local residents as compared to people outside of the immediate area.

HISTORIC AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

An assessment of eligible historic and cultural resources should be developed in direct consultation with the community, and such list should be used as the enhanced baseline for analysis for impacts.

WATER AND SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE

Assessment of water and sewer infrastructure should be enhanced with community surveys on existing water pressure conditions, frequency of sewage problems, sidewalk or street flooding et al to identify existing gaps in infrastructure investment and maintenance in addition to the need for additional capacity analysis.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Analysis should consider local smoking rates, activity level, availability of health care, and perceptions regarding availability of health care, active design, general well-being, acceptance and treatment of those with mental health concerns, or those in other vulnerable populations such as the elderly, those with terminal diseases such as AIDS, members of the LGBTQ community, and those who are homeless.

NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTER

Definition and baseline should be informed by community input and expanded to include cultural and demographic identities, and mitigation measures to indirect or adverse impacts should be created with consultation by the community. Information collected during the community visioning sessions that noted exact locations or areas that contribute to the neighborhood character should be incorporated.

CONSTRUCTION IMPACTS

Consider as part of the baseline existing 311 calls regarding enforcement, work without a permit, emergency demolition permits, and other quality of life concerns. In cases where the soft analysis reveals sites adjacent or proximate to schools, senior care, or daycare centers and analysis is not triggered by the minimum thresholds set out in the CEQR manual, but the time frame for construction, noise and air impacts will correspond with operational hours and days, then a full analysis and mitigation measures consideration should be conducted.

LAND USE AND PUBLIC POLICY

Analysis should acknowledge that a change in administration may alter the public policy goal of affordable housing, and speak to mitigation measures to ensure long-term implementation of the target affordability levels established elsewhere in this plan.

ACTION PLAN

East Harlem residents, workers, business owners, religious and civic leaders have invested many years into the safe and healthy growth and development of their neighborhood. In May of 2014, Mayor Bill de Blasio released Housing New York, a plan to preserve and construct 200,000 units of affordable housing in all five boroughs over the next ten years. A cornerstone of the Plan is the re-zoning of several neighborhoods for increased density to facilitate housing development. East Harlem is one of those neighborhoods.

Between April 2015 and January 2016, thousands of East Harlem residents, workers and friends came out to participate in, provide input for and quite literally shape the East Harlem Neighborhood Plan (EHNP)—a community-based plan that proactively sets forth a comprehensive vision for the equitable, healthy, sustainable development of the neighborhood. The Community Action Plan identifies what needs to be done, by whom and how in order to ensure government accountability to community residents as the City develops and implements an East Harlem re-zoning plan.

Objectives

1. Ensure that the development of any City rezoning plan for East Harlem aligns with the community-driven East Harlem Neighborhood Plan (EHNP);
2. Advocate for the adoption of the East Harlem Neighborhood Plan and for particular recommendations within it before, during and after the ULURP process;
3. Advocate for EHNP recommendations to be adopted in planning documents that emerge from other East Harlem entities including but not limited to: Community Board District Needs Statements, DCLA Cultural Development Plans, participatory budgeting project proposals and federal, state and city agency capital and expense budgets targeted for the community;
4. Monitor the implementation of an East Harlem re-zoning to ensure that EHNP capital, programmatic and policy recommendations are realized in a timely and equitable way—understanding that to maximize effective impact, recommendations across topic areas must be adopted and implemented;
5. Monitor the implementation of key elements of the plan —like local hiring and affordable housing production—and ensure that contractors and developers meet the objectives laid out in the plan, and then are held accountable if they don't.
6. Establish a set of metrics to evaluate the short- and long-term impacts of a re-zoning plan on the East Harlem neighborhood, and have the ability within the rezoning plan and implementation to respond to negative impacts;
7. Provide for regular and ongoing engagement with and input from the East Harlem community.

MONITOR + EVALUATE

- A. We recommend that a local oversight body, with deep roots in and representative of the diverse constituencies within the East Harlem community be established to ensure that any City re-zoning action and neighborhood plan align with the community-driven recommendations of the EHNP.

The EHNP Steering Committee established to shepherd the EHNP process is well placed to play an oversight role given their deep investment in the process, the community, and knowledge of the EHNP recommendations. Moving forward, there is an opportunity to identify and include additional voices on the current Steering Committee, such as small business owners and neighborhood residents. It is also an opportunity to ensure that all future Steering Committee meetings are open to the public.

The Steering Committee will:

- ✓ **PARTNER:** Work with the City to implement EHNP recommendations.
- ✓ **INFORM:** Create opportunities for regular updates to the EH community and for feedback on the operations and strategies of the Community Action Plan.
- ✓ **ADVOCATE:** Push for EHNP recommendations to be adopted by the City through any re-zoning or planning documents developed by other East Harlem or government agencies.
- ✓ **EVALUATE:** Establish a set of metrics by which to evaluate the impact of re-zoning action—both before and after implementation.
- ✓ **MONITOR AND ADVOCATE TO ALLEVIATE THE IMPACT:** Guide and monitor the implementation of mitigation measures supplied by the Final East Harlem EIS, provide additional mitigation recommendations produced by the Integrated Impact Statement leading up to and during ULURP. After completion of the disclosure document, energy should be focused on getting private and public sector actors to comply with the mitigation recommendations for future development.

Regular meetings between the Local Oversight Body and City agency representatives leading up to and during the ULURP process will be critical. To ensure the adoption and implementation of a wide range of EHNP recommendations, meetings will include not only those agencies most directly involved in a re-zoning process—DCP, HPD, EDC—but also DOE, DOHMH, DCLA, SBS, and DEP among others.

In order to ensure the success of the ongoing work of the Steering Committee, operational support must be funded. A model of a successful local oversight body is the Hunts Point Monitoring Committee, which grew out of the expansion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. In that case, DEP funded an agency liaison, a Committee coordinator, and a consultant to support the research and writing needs of the Committee.

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From: Kate Walter [[mailto:](#)]
Sent: Saturday, October 08, 2016 2:19 PM
To: de Blasio, Bill
Subject: Intro. 0402-2014 - the Small Business Jobs Survival Act and other measures to protect small businesses and limit chain store proliferation

Dear Mayor de Blasio:

I strongly urge you to support Intro. 0402-2014 the Small Business Jobs Survival Act (SBJSA), and to support other measures to protect small businesses and limit chain store proliferation in our neighborhoods.

Small businesses in our city are under tremendous pressure, and we are losing them on a daily basis. Longtime stores and restaurants that have been an integral part of the success of our neighborhoods are being forced out, in many ways a victim of their own success. Other small independent businesses that provide necessary services to local communities are being pushed out by ever-increasing rents and competition from chain stores. Our city and our neighborhoods are losing these vital and necessary institutions which keep them livable while providing invaluable jobs and economic opportunity.

SBJSA will help even the playing field and give small businesses a greater opportunity to remain in place and secure reasonable rents they can afford. Without such action, we will likely only see the rate of loss of small businesses in our neighborhoods accelerate beyond the already disturbing pace. I urge you to support and allow a vote on this bill right away. If you are already a sponsor of the bill, I urge you to call upon Speaker Mark-Viverito to allow a hearing and a vote right away, and to take action to force a vote.

I also strongly urge you to consider zoning measures which would limit or prohibit chain stores in certain neighborhoods or on certain streets or locations in order to promote retail diversity and protect small independent neighborhood businesses. Other cities and localities have implemented such measures, and given the rapid proliferation of chain stores they are very much needed in New York City. It is high time to start a conversation about where and how such measures could be implemented and where it is and is not appropriate to allow chain stores to locate.

Kate Walter
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From: [Nick Gulotta](#)
To: [Gulotta, Nick](#)
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Petition update



TakeBackNYC just posted an update on the petition you signed, [Support the Small Business Jobs Survival Act #SBJSA](#).

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Oct 13, 2016 —

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Subject: Intro. 0402-2014 - the Small Business Jobs Survival Act and other measures to protect small businesses and limit chain store proliferation

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Saturday, November 5, 11 AM - 2 PM

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11:00 AM Meet at **Skillman Pets**, our favorite neighborhood pet store, to register your pet for the costume contest. Fee is \$10. You can sign up at the event or [register at this link](#).

11:30 AM Pet Parade begins @ **Skillman Pets** and ends @ **Windmuller Park**. Parade is FREE and open to the public.

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Next clinic: Monday, November 14, 2016

Free one-on-one assistance with pro bono attorneys on housing issues

2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, 10 AM – 1 PM

TENANT MONTHLY MEETING & CLINIC **(LAST TUESDAYS OF THE MONTH)**

Tuesday, November 25, 6 PM – 9 PM

Meet about specific topics such as predatory equity, rent stabilization laws etc

ENGLISH CLASSES

Wednesdays, 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

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Wednesdays, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Thursdays, 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

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IMAGINING A NEW FUTURE

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION ON AFFORDABILITY



A full house of Queens residents gathered on Sunday, October 30, to discuss the **challenging climate for small business** with moms & pops not able to secure or negotiate long-term leases; **tenants harassed** for demanding essential repairs; families becoming homeless due to a scarcity of real affordable housing; the **proposed 3-year construction of a megachurch** at a major artery between Little Manila, Little Ecuador and Little India; and **overburdened transportation** that is already at its tipping point.

It was also a time for ideas and solutions. Presenters suggested ideas such as transferring costs of infrastructure burdens to developers, **passing the Small Business Job Survival Act**, and coming up with a resident-driven **Community Plan** for Western Queens.

If you are interested in getting involved, please email Angela at anawang@woodsideonthemove.org.



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Subject: Fw: Halloween is Not Over until the PET PARADE!

From: Woodside on the Move <info=woodsideonthemove.org@mail141.atl121.mcsv.net> on behalf of Woodside on the Move <info@woodsideonthemove.org>
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Dress up, bring your pet, and join us this weekend for our annual Pet Parade.

11:00 AM Meet at **Skillman Pets**, our favorite neighborhood pet store, to register your pet for the costume contest. Fee is \$10. You can sign up at the event or [register at this link](#).

11:30 AM Pet Parade begins @ **Skillman Pets** and ends @ **Windmuller Park**. Parade is FREE and open

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12:00 PM Costume contest and games begin @ Windmuller Park.

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HALLOWEEN RALLY AGAINST PREDATORY EQUITY LANDLORDS



Today, tenants members from Woodside on the Move and others across the five boroughs took to City Hall to demonstrate against "predatory equity." They spoke up about landlords who offered them buyouts, including prepaid credit cards, to get people to move out. They are demanding that landlords be put on a Predatory Equity Watchlist so these abusive actions are not rewarded. If you or someone you know is having an issue with a landlord, take action and get help today.

WALK-IN LEGAL CLINIC with Queens Legal Services and JASA

Next clinic: Monday, November 14, 2016

Free one-on-one assistance with pro bono attorneys on housing issues

2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, 10 AM – 1 PM

TENANT MONTHLY MEETING & CLINIC (LAST TUESDAYS OF THE MONTH)

Tuesday, November 25, 6 PM – 9 PM

Meet about specific topics such as predatory equity, rent stabilization laws etc

ENGLISH CLASSES

Wednesdays, 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

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Wednesdays, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Thursdays, 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

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IMAGINING A NEW FUTURE COMMUNITY CONVERSATION ON AFFORDABILITY



A full house of Queens residents gathered on Sunday, October 30, to discuss the **challenging climate for small business** with moms & pops not able to secure or negotiate long-term leases; **tenants harassed** for demanding essential repairs; families becoming homeless due to a scarcity of real affordable housing; the proposed 3-year construction of a megachurch at a major artery between Little Manila, Little Ecuador and

Little India; and **overburdened transportation** that is already at its tipping point.

It was also a time for ideas and solutions. Presenters suggested ideas such as transferring costs of infrastructure burdens to developers, **passing the Small Business Job Survival Act**, and coming up with a resident-driven **Community Plan** for Western Queens.

If you are interested in getting involved, please email Angela at anawang@woodsideonthemove.org.



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To: [Levine, Elizabeth](#)
Subject: FW: Intro. 0402-2014 - the Small Business Jobs Survival Act and other measures to protect small businesses and limit chain store proliferation
Date: Tuesday, November 01, 2016 11:34:25 AM

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From: Nina d'Alessandro [<mailto:>]
Sent: Saturday, October 29, 2016 1:36 PM
To: de Blasio, Bill
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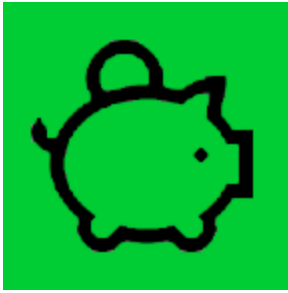
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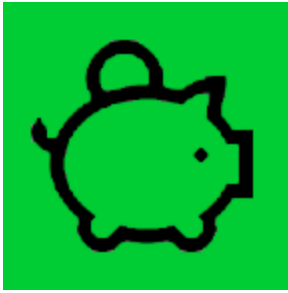
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TUES., JAN. 31, 2017, 6-9PM, Tangra, Luke Adams Sunnysider of the Year VII gala for Anthony Lana, with pop up museum of fascinating items of yesteryear, Sunnyside-Woodside! More info to come and [if you have items to loan for one night, email us!](#) Tickets on sale soon, \$50 on EventBrite.



SMALL BIZ ADVOCACY: In the past six months, we have hosted with ten other as part of **Jobs, Homes, Hoods**, in support of the "**Small Business Jobs Survival Act**" at Queen of Angels Church & "**A Community Conversation**," at Woodside on the Move, testified before the **NYC City Council** for small biz & SBJSA, and are participating in a borough-wide Jobs, Homes Hood **petition** to advocate for chambers instead of BID's to keep our small biz autonomy as big real estate changes come to Queens. We love our BID, which came out of the Chamber, but we advocate a change in City Charter for BID boards citywide to allow for *50% small biz, 50% local dwellers, and term limits*, **to help our mom & pops survive beyond their leases!**



COMING UP IN 2017: "Showcase Luncheon" with **Denise Sheehan Smith**, newly elected Chair of Community Bd 2 at mad-hot **Sole Luna Restaurant**, "Evening Showcase" with brought-back-by-popular-demand cyber brainiac **Francis Cianfrocca**, whose clients include the US Navy, Japan, Cisco Systems, "**Digital Promo on a Dime**" with branding gurus such as **Brandon Mosley** at **Ariyoshi**, "**Human Trafficking**," and "**Save Small Early: Only Young Once**" for under 35's with financial experts who wished they would have known what they will tell you! And, finally launch of the new Chamber site by **Chip Moeser** with (*ribbon cutting with giant scissors!*) with **Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan** whose grant has allowed it to be designed.



RECENT EVENTS: Sabba Park Lighting for 2016... Thank you to all who helped make it happen, **Majority Leader Jimmy Van Bramer** for funding our lovely lights and kind words, **Joseph Pagano** as Mr. Claus, **PS 150Q Chorus** for their beautiful singing, **Sherilyn Sabba of the Woodside Herald** for promotion and support, **Treasurer/Chairman of the Board Rigoberto Cardoso**, & **Keri Soldana! Dime Savings Bank** hosted a Biz Card Exchange with delicious wine donated by **Anthony Lodati at Lowery Liquors**, and purchased delicious 6-ft. sandwiches from **the Butcher Block**. Speaker was **Kevin Bailey** spoke on chip card technology. **Did you know that when you charge \$1.50 at local stores, it costs a merchant 40 cents? Hey, buy with cash for those under \$10 items!**



DUES: Heads up, the Board of Directors decided to finally raise **yearly dues** which have not been raised since the last century: regular members to \$150 from \$125, firms with 25 or more branches to \$300, and individuals to \$30 from \$25. Still the best bargain in town! **When you get your packet by mail for 2017, please pay ASAP!** Membership is exploding. Thank you, everyone!





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A new study shows that two Central Brooklyn school districts rank first and second in the borough on the most disheartening of lists: Percentages of homeless students. In the 2014-15 school year, 16 percent of students in Bedford-Stuyvesant’s District 16, and a nearly identical percentage in District 23 in Ocean Hill-Brownsville, were living in homeless shelters, according to the findings of a just-released study by the Manhattan-based Institute for Children, Poverty and Homelessness (ICPH).

...In the face of the city’s rising homeless problem, the de Blasio administration has allocated \$30 million in “supports for students in temporary housing.” The funds are earmarked to pay for the placement of social workers and new health facilities in schools with large homeless student populations

De Blasio dedicates \$300M to replace crumbling roofs at NYCHA developments

DAILY NEWS - Erin Durkin [08/24/15]

<http://www.nydailynews.com/news/politics/de-blasio-launches-300m-project-replace-nycha-roofs-article-1.2336209>

Mayor de Blasio launched a \$300 million project Monday to replace crumbling roofs at NYCHA developments - aiming to get to the root of rampant problems with leaks and mold. Work kicked off at the Queensbridge Houses, where 26 buildings will get new roofs. Also set to get overhauls this year are 40 other buildings at the Sheepshead Bay and Albany Houses in Brooklyn and Parkside Houses in the Bronx. “You need a roof over your head in life. And you need a roof that doesn’t leak,” de Blasio said.

Public Safety

Allegedly Racist, Pro-Trump Cop Accused Of Taunting Army Vet During False Arrest

GOTHAMIST - Rebecca Fishbein [1/17/17]

http://gothamist.com/2017/01/17/army_vet_falsely_arrested_for_walki.php

A black army veteran is suing the city after he was falsely arrested while walking his dog in a Brooklyn park after hours, and he says one of the arresting officers made racist and pro-Trump remarks to him while he was in custody. According to a complaint filed in Brooklyn court this week, shortly after midnight on August 17th of last year, Najja Plowden, 35, was arrested in Brower Park in Crown Heights while walking his dog. The complaint says two cops in an NYPD van stopped him and began asking him about being the park after hours, even though Plowden did not see any signs about park closing times—court documents also noted that there was a white individual playing fetch with his dog near Plowden, but police ignored him.

Community outraged over Crown Heights shooting

NEWS 12 - Staff [01/06/16]

<http://brooklyn.news12.com/news/community-outraged-over-shooting-of-27-year-old-man-at-albany-houses-in-crown-heights-1.11298587>

An early morning shooting in Crown Heights injured a 27-year-old man, according to authorities, leaving outspoken community activists angry over growing violence. "I want to say this to the mayor, don't come to me with no statistics," says Tony Herbert, a community activist. "Come to me to say that you want to offer up your condolences to this community, because guns are going off, and people are getting shot." Area residents say the victim is well-known and liked. He was taken to Kings County Hospital in stable condition, police say. They also say the shooting peppered the Albany Houses with stray bullets. The attack comes just days after Mayor Bill de Blasio and the NYPD's top brass announced a drop in crime across the city in 2015. Critics voiced anger about those announcements, which included a rise in major crimes including murders, rapes and robberies.

'Safe Stop' Program Launches To Create Safe Havens at Bed-Stuy Businesses

DNA INFO - Camille Bautista [12/07/15]

<https://www.dnainfo.com/new-york/20151207/bed-stuy/safe-stop-program-launches-create-safe-havens-at-bed-stuy-businesses>

Local businesses in Bedford-Stuyvesant and northern Crown Heights are becoming designated safe havens for community members as part of a new safety initiative in central Brooklyn. City Council District 36 launched "Safe Stop" on Monday, a program in which anyone feeling threatened can receive assistance from participating neighborhood businesses and organizations. The establishments are spots along commercial corridors where people can enter in case of an emergency — whether its an adult being harassed or followed, or a student experiencing bullying. Workers at the locations receive training from the NYPD to report incidents and ensure residents' safety, according to officials.

Brooklyn Businesses to Become Safe Havens in Neighborhood Safety Initiative

DNA INFO - Camille Bautista [11/18/14]

<https://www.dnainfo.com/new-york/20141118/bed-stuy/brooklyn-businesses-become-safe-havens-neighborhood-safety-initiative>

Law enforcement officials and neighborhood leaders in Brooklyn are hoping to bring back the "old community" approach to protecting children and the elderly through a new safety initiative. City Council District 36's Safe Stop program aims to provide support for anyone feeling threatened in Bedford-Stuyvesant and northern Crown Heights, with local businesses, schools and community-based organizations asked to be the eyes and ears of the NYPD and make their spaces available as safe havens. "It takes a village to raise a child," Councilman Robert Cornegy said during an informational meeting Monday night at Uncommon Charter High School.

Housing

Opinion: Elected Officials Op-Ed: Public Owned Bedford Armory Should Be 100% Affordable

KINGS COUNTY POLITICI - Sen Jesse Hamilton [1/10/17]

<http://www.kingscountypolitics.com/elected-officials-op-ed-public-owned-bedford-armory-100-affordable/>

Not inside Cornegy's district but close by, and a hot topic in the area

We agree with the recent Crain's New York Editorial: "The Armory skirmish shows it's time to think bigger in Crown Heights." We enthusiastically reiterate Crain's statement that we need "a broader vision to grow Crown Heights in a way that preserves its economic and ethnic diversity." We are duty bound as the locally elected officials of the Crown Heights community in which the Bedford-Union Armory resides, to work to achieve this laudable goal since the project is on public, city-owned land. Ultimately, we are all the landlords.

Bed-Stuy Pols Lead Way In Responding to Foreclosure Scams

KINGS COUNTY POLITICS - Stephen Witt [12/15/16]

<http://www.kingscountypolitics.com/bed-stuy-pols-lead-way-responding-foreclosure-scams/>

When State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman came to Bedford-Stuyvesant two days ago to announce over \$20 million in grant funding for his Homeowner Protection Program (HOPP) as well as \$350,000 to launch the Foreclosure Rescue Scam Prevention Initiative, several local elected officials as well as community and faith-based organizations reacted with some well-earned pride. "For more than two years, we have raised the alarm of property theft in our community and its devastating effects on the lives and livelihoods of our residents and businesses," said City Council Member Robert E. Cornegy, Jr. "The Bedford Stuyvesant community, which includes our local development corporations, community and faith-based institutions and my office, has worked in collaboration to create an awareness campaign to protect residents from real estate scams. As such, we are extremely pleased to have the partnership and support of Attorney General Eric Schneiderman. This recent allocation of resources will undergird this community's effort to deal with this on-going issue and serve as a model for the nation."

NYCHA Meltdown: Angry tenants swamp pols with complaints at Crown Heights town hall

BROOKLYN DAILY EAGLE - Jame Harney [11/04/16]

<http://www.brooklyneagle.com/articles/2016/11/4/nycha-meltdown-angry-tenants-swamp-pols-complaints-crown-heights-town-hall>

Call it a tale of two town halls. What was supposed to be an informational question-and-answer session turned ugly Thursday night when frustrated NYCHA housing tenants besieged a team of local politicians with angry complaints about the horrors of life in Brooklyn's public housing projects. In an effort to take the pulse of tenants across the borough, as well as to inform them about NYCHA's NextGeneration and Rent Assistance Demonstration (RAD) programs, Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams convened some 300 tenants and activists in the auditorium of UnCommon High School in Crown Heights.

Family receives NYCHA repairs day after being told of 1-year wait

NEWS 12 BROOKLYN - Staff [11/02/16]

<http://brooklyn.news12.com/news/family-receives-nycha-repairs-day-after-being-told-of-1-year-wait-1.12552995>

A Brooklyn family says NYCHA told them the wait to fix a gaping hole in their kitchen wall will be nearly a year -- but lucked out when workers showed up to fix the problem Wednesday. Tanisha Crawford lives in the Albany Houses apartment with her 5-year-old son and her mother. She says the family was living with the open hole and a temporary plastic sink for two months. "Apparently a leak was into the wall," Crawford says. "So they took apart the wall and sink and then left and never returned to close the hole." She says she called maintenance multiple times to no avail. Then mice started creeping in through the opening.

"Yesterday they told me there was 3,000 people ahead of me, and there were no appointments 'til September 2017," Crawford says. "It makes it seem like we don't matter." But the family reached out to News 12, and NYCHA workers arrived Wednesday at the family's doorstep. NYCHA blamed the delay on a mistake. Workers say the new sink should be installed by Thursday.

Cornegy, Brooklyn Airbnb Hosts Push Back Against New Law

KINGS COUNTY POLITICS - Staff [10/24/16]

<http://www.kingscountypolitics.com/cornegy-airbnb-brooklyn-hosts-push-back-new-law/>

Calling companies like Airbnb the wave of the future, City Councilman Robert Cornegy Jr. (Bedford-Stuyvesant/Northern Crown Heights) today pushed back at Governor Andrew Cuomo signing into law last week the imposing of fines of up to \$7,500 for people advertising home sharing in building with four units or more for less than 30 days. The strict fines facing homeowners and renters is because their advertising violates a 2010 city ordinance making home

sharing in multifamily units for less than 30 days in New York City illegal. Under the legislation, which had strong support from the state Hotel and Motel Trades Council, people are allowed to rent out a room in their house or apartment as long as they are also staying there.

NYCHA to fix leak causing mold buildup in Albany Houses apartment

NEWS 12 - Staff [10/03/16]

<http://brooklyn.news12.com/news/nycha-to-fix-leak-causing-mold-buildup-in-albany-houses-apartment-1.12400605>

A leak preventing a family from cooking food in a Crown Heights NYCHA apartment may soon be fixed. As News 12 reported, Sharena McEachern says she has been living with the leak in her Albany Houses apartment for months. News 12 is told that NYCHA will now send workers to her home to repair the damage. McEachern says the mold and mildew growing around the leak have prevented her from cooking in her kitchen because she is unsure of what might fall into her food. "We've been having to eat outside food or I have to cook at someone else's house when I have a perfectly good stove and I can't even cook on it," she says. She claims to have sent 200 NYCHA service ticket requests about the leak, which she says have been ignored. NYCHA has not given McEachern and her family a timetable on how long repairs may take because the cause of the leak has yet to be determined.

Von King Park Dog Run, NYCHA Security Cameras Among Projects Up for Vote

DNA INFO - Camille Bautista [03/23/16]

<https://www.dnainfo.com/new-york/20160323/bed-stuy/von-king-park-dog-run-nycha-security-cameras-among-projects-up-for-vote>

Herbert Von King Park could get an upgraded dog run if the proposed project garners enough votes to receive taxpayer dollars. The plan is among 11 other proposals that locals can vote on in Bedford-Stuyvesant and northern Crown Heights as part of City Council District 36's participatory budgeting process. It's the first year residents in the central Brooklyn district can help decide how city funds will be spent in the neighborhood, with a total of \$1 million allotted by Councilman Robert Cornegy up for grabs. Locals as young as 14 have from March 26 through April 3 to vote on their favorite projects, which include new security cameras at the Albany Houses, new surfaces for basketball courts in Brower Park, and a dance studio at P.S. 3.

Education

Parents and Teachers 'Insulted' by Co-Location Plan at Boys and Girls HS

DNA INFO - Camille Bautista [1/5/17]

<https://www.dnainfo.com/new-york/20170105/bed-stuy/boys-and-girls-high-school-urban-assembly-school-for-collaborative-healthcare-proposal>

The Department of Education's lack of communication over the possible plan to co-locate another school into the Boys and Girls High School campus "insulted" community members, they said at a meeting Wednesday. The Department of Education is looking to move Cypress Hills' Urban Assembly School for Collaborative Health Care into the Bed-Stuy's Fulton Street campus, which currently houses three schools. But many at the meeting said they were upset that the DOE had barely communicated with them about the possible proposal.

[Cypress Hills School May Move Into Boys and Girls HS Building: Officials](#) [12/27/16]

Healthcare

Health Chiefs Look to Integrate Four Brooklyn Hospitals Into Single Network

DNA INFO - Camille Bautista [1/13/17]

<https://www.dnainfo.com/new-york/20170112/bed-stuy/one-brooklyn-healthcare-network-hospital-merger-northwell-study>

Changes could soon be coming to Bedford-Stuyvesant's Interfaith Medical Center under a plan to form a new health care system in central and north Brooklyn. A feasibility study commissioned by the state's Department of Health suggests the restructuring of four hospitals — Brookdale University Hospital and Medical Center, Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center, Interfaith Medical Center and Wyckoff Heights Medical Center — into one integrated network.

Developer Lied About Running Nursing Home to Buy Land, Suit Says

DNA INFO - Camille Bautista [12/16/16]

<https://www.dnainfo.com/new-york/20161223/bed-stuy/allure-group-cabs-nursing-home-developers-270-nostrand>

** Also concerns the Allure Group from the Rivington scandal**

A nursing home company is suing the new owners of a Bedford-Stuyvesant property, saying they lied about plans to keep the home operational and instead moved patients out with the intention of turning the building into apartments. CABS Nursing Home Company Inc. is accusing the Allure Group Inc. — the same company involved in the controversial Rivington House sale — of misrepresenting their plans for the property at 270 Nostrand Ave. and DeKalb Avenue, which they say resulted in the early death of at least one elderly patient.

Other

'Gentrification' Forces Pastor to Put Bed-Stuy Church on the Market

DNA INFO - Camille Bautista

<https://www.dnainfo.com/new-york/20161228/bed-stuy/brooklyn-churches-for-sale-antioch-church-of-our-lord-jesus-christ> [12/28/16]

A Brooklyn church is up for sale following an influx of new businesses and construction that have pushed out parking for its members, a pastor said. Antioch Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ is looking for a new home after more than 30 years at 1259 Bedford Ave. near Herkimer and Fulton streets, according to Bishop Michael Jackson. "As you can see there's gentrification going on over there," Jackson said. "We already had a problem with parking, it was a major issue with us in the last 10 years. All the different high-end stores moving into the area are making it very difficult for us to have any type of parking. It's stunting the growth of the church."

City says public should foot bill for Citi Bikes in poor areas

NY POST - Danielle Furfaro [11/28/16]

<http://nypost.com/2016/11/28/city-says-public-should-foot-bill-for-citi-bikes-in-poor-areas/>

The city should pony up public funds for Citi Bike to expand into poorer neighborhoods, City Council members said Monday. Several members — noting that the privately run bike-share program isn't offered in disadvantaged areas because it likely wouldn't be profitable there — called for the city to create a public-private financial partnership. They said using public funds is the only way to bring the blue cruisers to all corners of the five boroughs.

COMMUNITY OUTCRY OVER FATE OF CROWN HEIGHTS GEM

OUR TIMES - David Mark Greaves [9/15/16]

<http://www.ourtimepress.com/community-outcry-over-fate-of-crown-heights-gem/#/>

Deemed one of the oldest and most important 19th century mansions in the Crown Heights North Historic District, the Dean Sage Mansion, along with the convent for the St. Gregory the Great R.C. Church and the garden at 839 St. Marks Avenue (Block 1222-Lot 1), has served Brooklyn as supportive housing for mentally ill people since 2005. So why has the NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) approved demolishing the convent and tearing up the garden to surround the mansion on two sides with an apartment building about two stories taller and of

starkly different architecture? Why has LPC approved the construction of 48 units of affordable housing on this lot when the owner, ICL Real Property Holdings (ICL), has a contract with the NYS Department of Mental Health and Hygiene (OMH) to provide housing for mentally ill people there for 25 years? The deed specifies the lot will be used for this purpose for 25 years commencing October 27, 2005.

...June 23, 2016: Shirley Mondesir, Robin Berlind, Nizjoni Granville, Ethel Tyus and Dr. Shabaka met with City Council member Robert Cornegy and his Chief of Staff Stefani Zinerman to present the case to keep 839 St. Marks Avenue as is and requested a letter of support from CM Cornegy which he agreed to give. However, the support letter was not provided that month.



Crown Heights stickball game unites NYPD cops and kids

DAILY NEWS - Kerry Burke, Denis Slattery [07/29/15]

<http://www.nydailynews.com/services/new-york-then-now/brooklyn/crown-heights-stickball-game-unites-nypd-cops-kids-article-1.2307445>

The smack of the stick on the spaldeen echoed down the street and the scent of burgers and hot dogs drifted in the 90-degree summer air Tuesday in Brooklyn. The “First Annual Block Party Style Stickball/Fitness Community Engagement” in Crown Heights, co-sponsored by the NYPD and the Daily News, drew New York’s finest and several hundred residents from the Albany Houses despite the heat. Officers from the 77th Precinct took on a group of kids and teens in a good-hearted game of stickball on Bergen St. as DJs spun old-school hip-hop.

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BROOKLYN DAILY EAGLE - James Harney [8/26/16]

<http://www.brooklyneagle.com/articles/2016/8/26/study-bed-stuy-brownsville-school-districts-have-highest-percentage-homeless>

A new study shows that two Central Brooklyn school districts rank first and second in the borough on the most disheartening of lists: Percentages of homeless students. In the 2014-15 school year, 16 percent of students in Bedford-Stuyvesant’s District 16, and a nearly identical percentage in District 23 in Ocean Hill-Brownsville, were living in homeless shelters, according to the findings of a just-released study by the Manhattan-based Institute for Children, Poverty and Homelessness (ICPH).

...In the face of the city’s rising homeless problem, the de Blasio administration has allocated \$30 million in “supports for students in temporary housing.” The funds are earmarked to pay for the placement of social workers and new health facilities in schools with large homeless student populations

De Blasio dedicates \$300M to replace crumbling roofs at NYCHA developments

DAILY NEWS - Erin Durkin [08/24/15]

<http://www.nydailynews.com/news/politics/de-blasio-launches-300m-project-replace-nycha-roofs-article-1.2336209>

Mayor de Blasio launched a \$300 million project Monday to replace crumbling roofs at NYCHA developments - aiming to get to the root of rampant problems with leaks and mold. Work kicked off at the Queensbridge Houses, where 26 buildings will get new roofs. Also set to get overhauls this year are 40 other buildings at the Sheepshead Bay and Albany Houses in Brooklyn and Parkside Houses in the Bronx. “You need a roof over your head in life. And you need a roof that doesn’t leak,” de Blasio said.

Public Safety

Allegedly Racist, Pro-Trump Cop Accused Of Taunting Army Vet During False Arrest

GOTHAMIST - Rebecca Fishbein [1/17/17]

http://gothamist.com/2017/01/17/army_vet_falsely_arrested_for_walki.php

A black army veteran is suing the city after he was falsely arrested while walking his dog in a Brooklyn park after hours, and he says one of the arresting officers made racist and pro-Trump remarks to him while he was in custody. According to a complaint filed in Brooklyn court this week, shortly after midnight on August 17th of last year, Najja Plowden, 35, was arrested in Brower Park in Crown Heights while walking his dog. The complaint says two cops in an NYPD van stopped him and began asking him about being the park after hours, even though Plowden did not see any signs about park closing times—court documents also noted that there was a white individual playing fetch with his dog near Plowden, but police ignored him.

Community outraged over Crown Heights shooting

NEWS 12 - Staff [01/06/16]

<http://brooklyn.news12.com/news/community-outraged-over-shooting-of-27-year-old-man-at-albany-houses-in-crown-heights-1.11298587>

An early morning shooting in Crown Heights injured a 27-year-old man, according to authorities, leaving outspoken community activists angry over growing violence. "I want to say this to the

mayor, don't come to me with no statistics," says Tony Herbert, a community activist. "Come to me to say that you want to offer up your condolences to this community, because guns are going off, and people are getting shot." Area residents say the victim is well-known and liked. He was taken to Kings County Hospital in stable condition, police say. They also say the shooting peppered the Albany Houses with stray bullets. The attack comes just days after Mayor Bill de Blasio and the NYPD's top brass announced a drop in crime across the city in 2015. Critics voiced anger about those announcements, which included a rise in major crimes including murders, rapes and robberies.

'Safe Stop' Program Launches To Create Safe Havens at Bed-Stuy Businesses

DNA INFO - Camille Bautista [12/07/15]

<https://www.dnainfo.com/new-york/20151207/bed-stuy/safe-stop-program-launches-create-safe-havens-at-bed-stuy-businesses>

Local businesses in Bedford-Stuyvesant and northern Crown Heights are becoming designated safe havens for community members as part of a new safety initiative in central Brooklyn. City Council District 36 launched "Safe Stop" on Monday, a program in which anyone feeling threatened can receive assistance from participating neighborhood businesses and organizations. The establishments are spots along commercial corridors where people can enter in case of an emergency — whether its an adult being harassed or followed, or a student experiencing bullying. Workers at the locations receive training from the NYPD to report incidents and ensure residents' safety, according to officials.

Brooklyn Businesses to Become Safe Havens in Neighborhood Safety Initiative

DNA INFO - Camille Bautista [11/18/14]

<https://www.dnainfo.com/new-york/20141118/bed-stuy/brooklyn-businesses-become-safe-havens-neighborhood-safety-initiative>

Law enforcement officials and neighborhood leaders in Brooklyn are hoping to bring back the "old community" approach to protecting children and the elderly through a new safety initiative. City Council District 36's Safe Stop program aims to provide support for anyone feeling threatened in Bedford-Stuyvesant and northern Crown Heights, with local businesses, schools and community-based organizations asked to be the eyes and ears of the NYPD and make their spaces available as safe havens. "It takes a village to raise a child," Councilman Robert Cornegy said during an informational meeting Monday night at Uncommon Charter High School.

Housing

Opinion: Elected Officials Op-Ed: Public Owned Bedford Armory Should Be 100% Affordable

KINGS COUNTY POLITICI - Sen Jesse Hamilton [1/10/17]

<http://www.kingscountypolitics.com/elected-officials-op-ed-public-owned-bedford-armory-100-affordable/>

Not inside Cornegy's district but close by, and a hot topic in the area

We agree with the recent Crain's New York Editorial: "The Armory skirmish shows it's time to think bigger in Crown Heights." We enthusiastically reiterate Crain's statement that we need "a broader vision to grow Crown Heights in a way that preserves its economic and ethnic diversity." We are duty bound as the locally elected officials of the Crown Heights community in which the Bedford-Union Armory resides, to work to achieve this laudable goal since the project is on public, city-owned land. Ultimately, we are all the landlords.

Bed-Stuy Pols Lead Way In Responding to Foreclosure Scams

KINGS COUNTY POLITICS - Stephen Witt [12/15/16]

<http://www.kingscountypolitics.com/bed-stuy-pols-lead-way-responding-foreclosure-scams/>

When State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman came to Bedford-Stuyvesant two days ago to

announce over \$20 million in grant funding for his Homeowner Protection Program (HOPP) as well as \$350,000 to launch the Foreclosure Rescue Scam Prevention Initiative, several local elected officials as well as community and faith-based organizations reacted with some well-earned pride. "For more than two years, we have raised the alarm of property theft in our community and its devastating effects on the lives and livelihoods of our residents and businesses," said City Council Member Robert E. Cornegy, Jr. "The Bedford Stuyvesant community, which includes our local development corporations, community and faith-based institutions and my office, has worked in collaboration to create an awareness campaign to protect residents from real estate scams. As such, we are extremely pleased to have the partnership and support of Attorney General Eric Schneiderman. This recent allocation of resources will undergird this community's effort to deal with this on-going issue and serve as a model for the nation."

NYCHA Meltdown: Angry tenants swamp pols with complaints at Crown Heights town hall
BROOKLYN DAILY EAGLE - Jame Harney [11/04/16]

<http://www.brooklyneagle.com/articles/2016/11/4/nycha-meltdown-angry-tenants-swamp-pols-complaints-crown-heights-town-hall>

Call it a tale of two town halls. What was supposed to be an informational question-and-answer session turned ugly Thursday night when frustrated NYCHA housing tenants besieged a team of local politicians with angry complaints about the horrors of life in Brooklyn's public housing projects. In an effort to take the pulse of tenants across the borough, as well as to inform them about NYCHA's NextGeneration and Rent Assistance Demonstration (RAD) programs, Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams convened some 300 tenants and activists in the auditorium of UnCommon High School in Crown Heights.

Family receives NYCHA repairs day after being told of 1-year wait

NEWS 12 BROOKLYN - Staff [11/02/16]

<http://brooklyn.news12.com/news/family-receives-nycha-repairs-day-after-being-told-of-1-year-wait-1.12552995>

A Brooklyn family says NYCHA told them the wait to fix a gaping hole in their kitchen wall will be nearly a year -- but lucked out when workers showed up to fix the problem Wednesday. Tanisha Crawford lives in the Albany Houses apartment with her 5-year-old son and her mother. She says the family was living with the open hole and a temporary plastic sink for two months. "Apparently a leak was into the wall," Crawford says. "So they took apart the wall and sink and then left and never returned to close the hole." She says she called maintenance multiple times to no avail. Then mice started creeping in through the opening.

"Yesterday they told me there was 3,000 people ahead of me, and there were no appointments 'til September 2017," Crawford says. "It makes it seem like we don't matter." But the family reached out to News 12, and NYCHA workers arrived Wednesday at the family's doorstep. NYCHA blamed the delay on a mistake. Workers say the new sink should be installed by Thursday.

Cornegy, Brooklyn Airbnb Hosts Push Back Against New Law

KINGS COUNTY POLITICS - Staff [10/24/16]

<http://www.kingscountypolitics.com/cornegy-airbnb-brooklyn-hosts-push-back-new-law/>

Calling companies like Airbnb the wave of the future, City Councilman Robert Cornegy Jr. (Bedford-Stuyvesant/Northern Crown Heights) today pushed back at Governor Andrew Cuomo signing into law last week the imposing of fines of up to \$7,500 for people advertising home sharing in building with four units or more for less than 30 days. The strict fines facing homeowners and renters is because their advertising violates a 2010 city ordinance making home sharing in multifamily units for less than 30 days in New York City illegal. Under the legislation, which had strong support from the state Hotel and Motel Trades Council, people are allowed to rent out a room in their house or apartment as long as they are also staying there.

NYCHA to fix leak causing mold buildup in Albany Houses apartment

NEWS 12 - Staff [10/03/16]

<http://brooklyn.news12.com/news/nycha-to-fix-leak-causing-mold-buildup-in-albany-houses-apartment-1.12400605>

A leak preventing a family from cooking food in a Crown Heights NYCHA apartment may soon be fixed. As News 12 reported, Sharena McEachern says she has been living with the leak in her Albany Houses apartment for months. News 12 is told that NYCHA will now send workers to her home to repair the damage. McEachern says the mold and mildew growing around the leak have prevented her from cooking in her kitchen because she is unsure of what might fall into her food. "We've been having to eat outside food or I have to cook at someone else's house when I have a perfectly good stove and I can't even cook on it," she says. She claims to have sent 200 NYCHA service ticket requests about the leak, which she says have been ignored. NYCHA has not given McEachern and her family a timetable on how long repairs may take because the cause of the leak has yet to be determined.

Von King Park Dog Run, NYCHA Security Cameras Among Projects Up for Vote

DNA INFO - Camille Bautista [03/23/16]

<https://www.dnainfo.com/new-york/20160323/bed-stuy/von-king-park-dog-run-nycha-security-cameras-among-projects-up-for-vote>

Herbert Von King Park could get an upgraded dog run if the proposed project garners enough votes to receive taxpayer dollars. The plan is among 11 other proposals that locals can vote on in Bedford-Stuyvesant and northern Crown Heights as part of City Council District 36's participatory budgeting process. It's the first year residents in the central Brooklyn district can help decide how city funds will be spent in the neighborhood, with a total of \$1 million allotted by Councilman Robert Cornegy up for grabs. Locals as young as 14 have from March 26 through April 3 to vote on their favorite projects, which include new security cameras at the Albany Houses, new surfaces for basketball courts in Brower Park, and a dance studio at P.S. 3.

Education

Parents and Teachers 'Insulted' by Co-Location Plan at Boys and Girls HS

DNA INFO - Camille Bautista [1/5/17]

<https://www.dnainfo.com/new-york/20170105/bed-stuy/boys-and-girls-high-school-urban-assembly-school-for-collaborative-healthcare-proposal>

The Department of Education's lack of communication over the possible plan to co-locate another school into the Boys and Girls High School campus "insulted" community members, they said at a meeting Wednesday. The Department of Education is looking to move Cypress Hills' Urban Assembly School for Collaborative Health Care into the Bed-Stuy's Fulton Street campus, which currently houses three schools. But many at the meeting said they were upset that the DOE had barely communicated with them about the possible proposal.

[Cypress Hills School May Move Into Boys and Girls HS Building: Officials](#) [12/27/16]

Healthcare

Health Chiefs Look to Integrate Four Brooklyn Hospitals Into Single Network

DNA INFO - Camille Bautista [1/13/17]

<https://www.dnainfo.com/new-york/20170112/bed-stuy/one-brooklyn-healthcare-network-hospital-merger-northwell-study>

Changes could soon be coming to Bedford-Stuyvesant's Interfaith Medical Center under a plan to form a new health care system in central and north Brooklyn. A feasibility study commissioned by the state's Department of Health suggests the restructuring of four hospitals — Brookdale University Hospital and Medical Center, Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center, Interfaith Medical Center and Wyckoff Heights Medical Center — into one integrated network.

Developer Lied About Running Nursing Home to Buy Land, Suit Says

DNA INFO - Camille Bautista [12/16/16]

<https://www.dnainfo.com/new-york/20161223/bed-stuy/allure-group-cabs-nursing-home-developers-270-nostrand>

** Also concerns the Allure Group from the Rivington scandal**

A nursing home company is suing the new owners of a Bedford-Stuyvesant property, saying they lied about plans to keep the home operational and instead moved patients out with the intention of turning the building into apartments. CABS Nursing Home Company Inc. is accusing the Allure Group Inc. — the same company involved in the controversial Rivington House sale — of misrepresenting their plans for the property at 270 Nostrand Ave. and DeKalb Avenue, which they say resulted in the early death of at least one elderly patient.

Other

'Gentrification' Forces Pastor to Put Bed-Stuy Church on the Market

DNA INFO - Camille Bautista

<https://www.dnainfo.com/new-york/20161228/bed-stuy/brooklyn-churches-for-sale-antioch-church-of-our-lord-jesus-christ> [12/28/16]

A Brooklyn church is up for sale following an influx of new businesses and construction that have pushed out parking for its members, a pastor said. Antioch Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ is looking for a new home after more than 30 years at 1259 Bedford Ave. near Herkimer and Fulton streets, according to Bishop Michael Jackson. “As you can see there’s gentrification going on over there,” Jackson said. “We already had a problem with parking, it was a major issue with us in the last 10 years. All the different high-end stores moving into the area are making it very difficult for us to have any type of parking. It’s stunting the growth of the church.”

City says public should foot bill for Citi Bikes in poor areas

NY POST - Danielle Furfaro [11/28/16]

<http://nypost.com/2016/11/28/city-says-public-should-foot-bill-for-citi-bikes-in-poor-areas/>

The city should pony up public funds for Citi Bike to expand into poorer neighborhoods, City Council members said Monday. Several members — noting that the privately run bike-share program isn’t offered in disadvantaged areas because it likely wouldn’t be profitable there — called for the city to create a public-private financial partnership. They said using public funds is the only way to bring the blue cruisers to all corners of the five boroughs.

COMMUNITY OUTCRY OVER FATE OF CROWN HEIGHTS GEM

OUR TIMES - David Mark Greaves [9/15/16]

<http://www.ourtimepress.com/community-outcry-over-fate-of-crown-heights-gem/#/>

Deemed one of the oldest and most important 19th century mansions in the Crown Heights North Historic District, the Dean Sage Mansion, along with the convent for the St. Gregory the Great R.C. Church and the garden at 839 St. Marks Avenue (Block 1222-Lot 1), has served Brooklyn as supportive housing for mentally ill people since 2005. So why has the NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) approved demolishing the convent and tearing up the garden to surround the mansion on two sides with an apartment building about two stories taller and of starkly different architecture? Why has LPC approved the construction of 48 units of affordable housing on this lot when the owner, ICL Real Property Holdings (ICL), has a contract with the NYS Department of Mental Health and Hygiene (OMH) to provide housing for mentally ill people there for 25 years? The deed specifies the lot will be used for this purpose for 25 years commencing October 27, 2005.

...June 23, 2016: Shirley Mondesir, Robin Berlind, Nizjoni Granville, Ethel Tyus and Dr. Shabaka met with City Council member Robert Cornegy and his Chief of Staff Stefani Zinerman to present the case to keep 839 St. Marks Avenue as is and requested a letter of support from CM Cornegy

which he agreed to give. However, the support letter was not provided that month.

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Crown Heights stickball game unites NYPD cops and kids

DAILY NEWS - Kerry Burke, Denis Slattery [07/29/15]

<http://www.nydailynews.com/services/new-york-then-now/brooklyn/crown-heights-stickball-game-unites-nypd-cops-kids-article-1.2307445>

The smack of the stick on the spaldeen echoed down the street and the scent of burgers and hot dogs drifted in the 90-degree summer air Tuesday in Brooklyn. The “First Annual Block Party Style Stickball/Fitness Community Engagement” in Crown Heights, co-sponsored by the NYPD and the Daily News, drew New York’s finest and several hundred residents from the Albany Houses despite the heat. Officers from the 77th Precinct took on a group of kids and teens in a good-hearted game of stickball on Bergen St. as DJs spun old-school hip-hop.

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Opinion: The plastic-bag fee will wallop bodegas

DAILY NEWS - Ramon Murphy

<http://www.nydailynews.com/opinion/plastic-bag-fee-wallop-bodegas-article-1.2963944>

The City Council passed a 5-cent plastic bag tax last year that not only creates another burdensome regulatory mandate on our 13,000 struggling bodegas, but also hurts our mostly poor and working class customers. Thankfully, clearer heads in the state Legislature have moved to repeal or delay the local law.

We support repeal and urge the Assembly and Senate to reach agreement on removing this counterproductive measure.

Opening up a bodega is a dream for many Hispanic, Asian and Arab Americans. It is a great opportunity for these newcomers to our country to get an entrepreneurial head start towards a comfortable middle class life. Puerto Ricans who pioneered this retail industry saw their children go on to become doctors, lawyers and teachers — and the Dominicans who followed went on in similar fashion to see their children thrive in their adopted country.

I should know. Since I came to this country over 30 years ago, I have found out firsthand how owning a bodega can give an immigrant like myself a chance to realize the American Dream — and I'm still going strong.

At the same time, operating a bodega is a major challenge, especially in a city that loves regulatory mandates. Just in the past year, New York City has added paid sick leave and plans to move toward \$15 hour minimum wage that, whatever their merit otherwise, create an onerous burden on store owners trying to compete and provide retail services to their neighborhoods.

In enacting these measures, legislators often overlook or ignore the collateral damage that they do to the ability of the stores to remain profitable.

Essentially, NYC has 13,000 wonderful targets for their regulatory enthusiasm. Every time a regulation or mandate is enacted, it is another justification for city inspectors to come into our stores and find violations that fund the very agency set up to enforce them. Sometimes I feel that half my job is fending off city regulators.

When we add rising rents and chain stores into the mix we can see a volatile and hostile retail climate.

These stark conditions lead to the creation of the Take Back NYC Campaign and its legislative initiative: The Small Business Jobs Survival Act, a bill to stem the uncontrollable increase in commercial rents. But while the sick leave passed — with “reservations” from council members; and the minimum wage increase sailed through in Albany, the SBJSA, remains stalled at the City Council.

Why? If we're placing ever higher burdens on small businesses, shouldn't we also be affording them some relief?

This brings us to the seemingly innocuous plastic bag tax, laughably labeled a "fee." Whatever you call it, it is a tax on my customers. Bodegas like mine don't thrive in the wealthiest neighborhoods of the city. We are found in those poor neighborhoods where the big supermarkets and box stores are absent. Our customers are the poor, struggling to survive.

This 5 cent tax adds to their burdens — and in making the store owner responsible for being the plastic bag tax overseer, it once again gives regulators another excuse to come into the store fine us.

It also needs to be pointed out that every time the city puts another tax on consumers they are taking away their disposable income. One nickel tax is added to all of the others and soon there is less to spend. Less to spend makes turning a small business profit even more difficult.

As the U.S. Chamber of Commerce points out about regulation, "The largest city in the United States is also the most burdensome for small businesses and entrepreneurs across areas of business regulation."

Burdening stores and consumers is too often a reflex action for New York lawmakers, but helping our small stores survive apparently is a much more difficult task.

What the city in all of its misguided good intentions has done by piling on the latest burden of the bag fee, the state can overcome by acting with courage and respect for all of us who are struggling in this difficult economy.

Murphy, who runs a bodega in Harlem, is president of the Bodega Association of the United States.

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A Sign of the Times: More For-Rent Notices in Manhattan

NY TIMES - C.J. Hughes

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/03/07/realestate/commercial/for-lease-vacant-storefronts-manhattan.html?rref=collection%2Fsectioncollection%2Fnyregion>

Dusty windows on Madison Avenue. Ghostly traces of signs on Columbus Avenue. Graffiti on a shop in SoHo.

Manhattan's top retail strips, some of which are among the world's priciest shopping districts, appear to have seen better days.

Once-packed streets are being hit by competition from emerging neighborhoods, and deep discounting from online retailers, according to community officials, landlords and brokers.

"Retailers are experiencing painful adjustments right now, there's no doubt about it," said Rafe Evans, a longtime broker with the firm Walker, Malloy and Company. He added that he had struggled to fill some Upper West Side buildings with tenants that last more than a few years.

While middle-class neighborhoods may be enjoying healthy vacancy levels, generally defined as about 5 percent, the rate in more affluent areas is as much as 20 percent, according to a survey of major streets that brokers later confirmed.

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BY KIRSTEN THEODOS | For the past two years, I have dedicated my free time (when I'm not raising my two young children) advocating for the City Council to pass the Small Business Jobs Survival Act, a bill that would stop in excess of 1,000 small businesses from closing and save 8,000 jobs each month in New York City (Court data show that 500 businesses get evicted every month, and it can be assumed that for every one evicted, another probably walks)

The S B J S A is a simple solution to a serious crisis: Give business owners the right to renew their leases and rights to negotiate equally with landlords for fair lease terms

My advocacy has included helping organize and participate in small-business town halls in four boroughs and meeting with councilmembers seeking their support for the S B J S A. Living in the East Village, I was sick and tired of losing my favorite shops and restaurants that, in almost every case, shuttered because of an exorbitant rent hike or because they were denied a lease renewal. Now, I am about to lose my affordable supermarket.

The Stuyvesant Town Associated supermarket's lease is up at the end of this year. Even though they are a good tenant and are willing to pay a rent increase, their landlord, Blackstone, has communicated they will not get a lease renewal. I spoke to the store's owner, Joe Falzon, last week and asked what he needed in terms of legislation in order to survive.

"A tax cut isn't going to help," he told me. "It won't help get you a new lease and it won't make any difference to your bottom line. Something where you can agree to reasonable rent that the landlord has to offer you something — a 10-year lease would help tremendously so businesses can plan. Right now, if they say you have to go, you have to go."

I have heard this many times before from small-business owners who attended our forums. Joe used to own three supermarkets in the area. The one on Third Ave. shuttered two years ago; it still remains vacant today. Last year, Joe's Associated on W. 14th St. in Chelsea closed due to a 300 percent rent hike, and that space also currently remains vacant.

Recently, at Mayor Bill de Blasio's town hall moderated by Councilmember Corey Johnson, a woman asked about help for small businesses that face skyrocketing rents.

As reported by The Villager last week, "Councilmember Johnson said 'commercial rent regulation,' a form of which has been proposed in the city for years via the Small Business Jobs Survival Act, can't happen without Albany's support."

However, the S B J S A is not commercial rent control and would not need to involve Albany — this was settled decades ago. In October 1988, when the original Jobs Survival Act was introduced by then-Councilmember Ruth Messinger, it was fiercely opposed by Mayor Ed Koch and Speaker Peter Vallone prior to a scheduled vote by the Economic Development Committee of the City Council. So a special Council public hearing was held. The topic of that hearing was exclusively on the legality of the bill and the city's authority to enact it. At the hearing's conclusion, the Economic Development Committee was in full agreement with New York City's Law Department that the bill was fully constitutional and that the city had "home rule" authority to enact it, and the bill was scheduled for a vote for Dec. 1, 1988.

It's these types of "alternative facts" that originate from the powerful real estate lobby — i.e., the Real Estate Board of New York (REBNY) — that enable the rigged system that repeatedly has denied a hearing and a vote on the S B J S A. Councilmember Johnson should be promoting the S B J S A, a bill that would have saved the Associated market in his district and all the businesses whose leases expired and were either rent-hiked or denied a renewal.

Instead, Johnson questions the "legality" of the bill. A March 24, 2016, article in The Villager, "'Save our supermarket!' 14th St. grocery faithful take protest to landlord," reported: "Johnson, who is a sponsor of the [S B J S A], said there were doubts about the legality of the bill in its current form, but added that he was committed to resolving the issue."

And Johnson misinforms the public that New York City does not have home rule to regulate commercial rents. So what have our electeds been doing to save mom-and-pop shops and their employees' jobs?

Councilmember Dan Garodnick is introducing a bill to provide tax cuts for small-business owners; a bill by Johnson would ensure affordable supermarkets are included in Garodnick's tax cut; and a bill by Councilmember Margaret Chin requires annual reports on the tax.

Meanwhile, two months ago, the Met Food supermarket in Little Italy shuttered because it was denied a lease renewal.

Ironically, the two Associateds and the Met Food are in Councilmembers Garodnick, Johnson and Chin's districts. Instead of promoting the S B J S A that would have saved all three of these affordable supermarkets that are vital to their communities, these politicians are pushing tax cuts that won't save a single small business or job in their district.

In short, what good is a tax cut if you don't have a lease?

I'm not sure what is more shameful: pretending like you care that your constituents are losing the only affordable supermarket in their neighborhood by holding showboat rallies; deliberately steering the public in another legislative direction and disingenuously telling them it will save our supermarkets; or promoting REBNY's alternative facts to ensure that the real solution — the S B J S A — doesn't get an honest hearing and reach the floor for a vote.

I am writing this talking point because no one at City Hall is fighting for Joe Falzon and the 90 people he employs. Nor are they fighting for the thousands of Stuy Town seniors who live on a fixed income and depend on the Associated because it's affordable and nearby.

Are we to believe the commitment of these three lawmakers is sincere in wanting to serve the will of the people and find real solutions to these supermarket closings — or are they influenced by special interests' campaign funds and political ambition?

Every New Yorker knows our hard-working mom-and-pop shop owners are at the mercy of their landlords when their leases expire, and that they desperately need legislation that would give them rights so they can survive. And yet our elected officials work together to introduce bills that wouldn't save a single business or New Yorker's job. This is the litmus test of where a lawmaker really stands on passing legislation to save our soon-to-be-extinct supermarkets.

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